# One of the official logo's of Pierce College.**Job & Career Connections Newsletter Winter Edition 1 – 2025**

*We are your Career Center, open to students, alumni, staff, faculty, and community for staff assisted and self-directed services.* We are currently serving individuals remotely and in person at Fort Steilacoom and Puyallup. We continue to be available by email or phone.Staff Directory information located on the last page.

## HYPE Winter On-Campus Job Fairs and Professional Development Guest Speaker

Join us for cookies, cocoa, and careers! Visit with campus departments to learn about their hourly, work study, and volunteer positions or simply learn more about that department. Attendance is free and many departments may be offering interviews and applications on the spot. If you are interested in a job, consider any questions you may have for departments and be prepared for them to ask about your career goals, skills, and availability.

February 10th, 11am – 2pm, Fort Steilacoom – Cascade building 4th floor lobby & Fireside Lounge

February 12th, 11am – 2pm, Puyallup – College Center 2nd floor hallway and Connection Cafe

Event details at <https://www.pierce.ctc.edu/hype> or [www.joinhandshake.com](http://www.joinhandshake.com/).

HYPE Winter term includes key note speaker Sam Kaplan, Author and Director of the Center of Excellence Global Trade & Supply Chain at Highline College, to share insights and encouragement about the ever-changing workforce landscape. Sam is an advocate for students to be prepared for the challenges that may lay ahead and to be equipped with the education and skills needed to enter the evolving workforce.

Need a resume or not sure what to expect during a job fair? Contact Job & Career Connections! Staff are available during walk-ins from 8am to 11am and by appointment in the afternoons both in person and remote to review your resume or help you build one.

## Employer of the Day

*King County Sheriff’s Office -* ****

*Wednesday*, February 19th 9:00am-2:00pm, Puyallup Campus, College Center Building 2nd floor

Thursday, February 20th 9:00am-2:00pm, Fort Steilacoom Campus, Cascade Building 3rd floor

King County Sheriff’s Office will be on campus to talk with students about open commissioned positions of police officer/deputy, a day-in-the-life of a sheriff, and the recruitment and application process. This is a great opportunity to bring your questions about careers in law enforcement.

## New MDC Collocated Staff at Pierce College

Gerard Tedpahogo has a long history and background supporting students and serving his community. He recently joined MDC and is now collocated with Pierce College, housed with Job & Career Connections. Gerard can provide education support and assistance for *any* student or community member with:

* FAFSA/WASFA applications
* College/University applications and admissions, including fees
* Referral(s) to other MDC programs and community resources
* Identification of a career path (Virtual Job Shadow)
* Scholarships
* GED Testing including official exams and study material expenses and online account setup

For further information please contact Gerard Tedpahogo, Adult Education Advisor, at 253-320-1901 or gtedpahogo@mdc-hope.org. Metropolitan Development Council (MDC) is a community-based organization located in downtown Tacoma that serves all of Pierce County.

## In-Demand Skills

Having the key skills employers want, and showcasing them as key words on your resume, is important when trying to stand out to an employer. According to the most recent labor market report from November, 2024, below are the top in demand skills in Pierce County:

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| **Top Common Skills** | **Top Specialized Skills** | **Rank** |
| Communication | Nursing | 1 |
| Customer Service | Merchandising | 2 |
| Management | Warehousing | 3 |
| Sales | Marketing | 4 |
| Operations | Project Management | 5 |
| Leadership | Effective Communication | 6 |
| Detail Oriented | Auditing | 7 |
| Problem Solving | Nursing Care | 8 |
| Lifting Ability | Selling Techniques | 9 |
| Coordinating | Inventory Management | 10 |
| Writing | Medical Records | 11 |
| Interpersonal Communications | Workflow Management | 12 |
| Planning | Billing | 13 |
| Scheduling | Product Knowledge | 14 |
| Microsoft Office | Accounting | 15 |
| English Language | Restaurant Operation | 16 |
| Time Management | General Mathematics | 17 |
| Professionalism | Cash Register | 18 |
| Multitasking | Acute Care | 19 |
| Organizational Skills | Cash Handling | 20 |

Report by Employment Security Department/DATA; The Conference Board® Burning Glass® Help Wanted OnLine™

**Funding Eligibility: *Start Next Quarter***[*www.startnextquarter.org*](http://www.startnextquarter.org/)*, is a quick survey that identifies possible funding sources for degrees or certificates.*

**Jobs, Work Study, & Internships:** [*https://pierce.joinhandshake.com*](https://pierce.joinhandshake.com)

**Need Help?**  Find campus and community resources online through the Pierce Advocacy and Resource Connections (PARC) website: <https://www.pierce.ctc.edu/help> This resource is open to all students, alumni, staff, faculty, and community members. ***Have a question? Email us at*** ***JCC@pierce.ctc.edu***

**FS (Fort Steilacoom)** Welcome Center, Cascade bldg. 3rd fl.

**PY (Puyallup)** Student Success Center, Gaspard Administration bldg., ADM 106

*In-person and remote service available Monday – Friday from 8am to 11am for drop-ins or afternoon by appointment.*

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