

## YOUR JOB & CAREER CONNECTIONS

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 are available by email or phone. Staff Directory information located on the next 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 4<sup>th</sup> floor lobby & Fireside Lounge

February 12th, 11am – 2pm, Puyallup – College Center 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> floor



Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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>

**Need Help?**  Find campus and community resource: [Pierce Advocacy and Resource Connections \(PARC\)](#)

## Workforce Staff Directory

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**FS (Fort Steilacoom)** Welcome  
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**PY (Puyallup)** Student Success  
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**Hours:** In-person and remote  
service available Monday – Friday,  
8am-11am for drop-ins and  
afternoons by appointment.

## 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](mailto: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:

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

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