** 2025-2026 Prerequisite Coursework Financial Aid Request**

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**Last Name, First Name Student ID**

Students not pursuing a degree or certification at Pierce College are typically not eligible to receive financial aid. However, students enrolling in Pierce College classes which are required by another college for the purpose of admission into a specific program (Prerequisite coursework), Pierce College restricted admissions programs (such as Dental Hygiene, Veterinary Technology or Nursing) or graduate/doctoral programs at another school may be eligible to receive a Direct Loan and/or a Parent PLUS loan **ONLY** for a maximum of **ONE** consecutive 12 month period.

Under the preparatory coursework provision, the United States Department of Education allows the student:

* To have only one 12-month period to receive federal loans over the course of his/her entire college attendance
* To receive a limited amount of Direct Loan funds for undergraduate courses during the 12-month period

**Loan Limits for Preparatory Coursework**

*Dependent* Students (as determined by the FAFSA) - $2,625 (can all be subsidized or unsubsidized),

*Independent* Students (as determined by the FAFSA) - $8,625 (only up to $2,625 may be subsidized)

Under the preparatory coursework provision, the United States Department of Education does not allow the student:

To receive any federal grant or work study funding

To receive loans for preparatory classes taken for the purpose of raising his/her GPA

To receive loans from more than one college during the same period of enrollment

In order to receive loans under the prerequisite coursework provision, I agree:

* To meet all other eligibility requirements for aid including Pierce College’s policy for Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP).
* To ensure that the courses needed will be offered in a time frame that will allow me to complete those courses within one consecutive 12-month period
* To enroll each quarter for at least six credit hours approved by this agreement.
* To submit any course change request in writing to the Financial Aid Office. Courses that do not have prior approval will not be eligible for financial aid.

In order to receive loans under the preparatory-coursework provision, I certify that:

* I have never used my eligibility for loans under this provision in the past at any other school
* I am not taking these classes for the purpose of raising my GPA to gain admission into the future college
* I have read this agreement in its entirety, and I agree to all criteria and conditions contained within.

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**PART 2 – (to be completed by a program advisor)**

This student is attempting to enter into a preparatory coursework agreement with Pierce College whereby the student will take Pierce College courses required for admissions for a specific program at either Pierce College or another college.

The student must meet with an academic advisor to determine the classes to be taken at Pierce College and to receive certification that these courses are necessary for his/her future degree or certificate program. The United States Department of Education rules do not allow the student to receive aid for preparatory coursework required for the purpose of raising his/her GPA.

The courses listed on this agreement cannot be changed once the agreement has been submitted to and approved by Pierce College Financial Aid. The student will be responsible for having credits for these courses transferred to their future institution.

By completing and signing this agreement, you certify that:

* These courses are necessary and applicable to the student’s future degree or certificate
* The student is not being required to take these courses for the purpose of raising his/her GPA

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| **Signature:** | **Date:** |