

PIERCE COLLEGE

POSSIBILITIES. REALIZED.

WELCOME TO PIERCE COLLEGE

At Pierce College, we welcome you to a campus where every student's journey is valued. We celebrate the unique perspectives, talents, passions, and experiences that each of our students bring with them. Our thriving community is curious, collaborative, and innovative; inspiring you to think beyond boundaries, embrace new ideas, and work toward shaping a brighter future.

Founded
1967

10%
Military connected
students*

16
Average
class size

46%
First generation
college student

Serving
12,457
students annually

100%
Acceptance rate

STUDENTS BY AGE

Under 20	30%
20-24	26%
25-29	13%
30-39	16%
40 or above	16%

100% PIERCE COLLEGE STUDENTS

American Indian or Alaska Native	1%
Asian	9%
Black/African American	10%
Hispanic/Latino	20%
Not reported	7%
Pacific Islander	2%
Two or more races	11%
White	40%

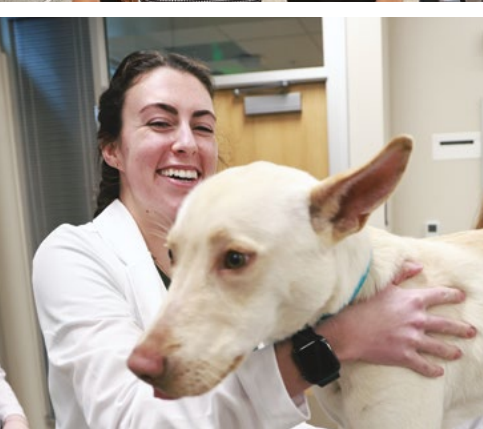
*Military connected student headcount is based on student funding. Data may exclude veteran and active duty students that use alternative funding to veteran or active duty benefits.



Visit the **SCIENCE DOME** — our 58-seat digital planetarium is the only one of its kind in the South Puget Sound region.



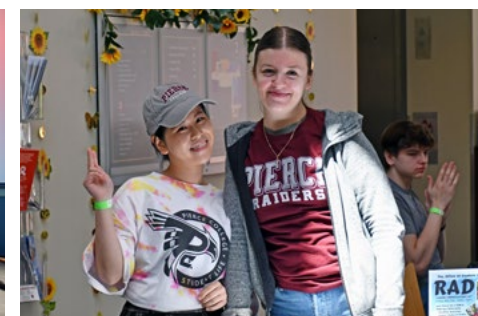
Take care of your teeth without taking a step off campus! Visit the **Dental Hygiene Clinic** for free and low-cost dental care.





STUDENT LIFE + ENGAGEMENT

Not all learning happens in the classroom. When you're looking to take a break from the books, the Office of Student Life offers opportunities to grow and find community at Pierce College. You might represent your fellow students on the **student leadership team** or join the staff of our award-winning **student newspaper**, The Pinnacle. Squeeze in a workout between classes at our on-campus **Health Education Centers** — membership is free for students! Root for the Raiders as a fan or member of our cheer team. Take the stage in a **theatre** production or join our **band, orchestra or choir**. See your art on display in the on-campus galleries and the **Student Literary & Arts Magazine**; or get creative in the **Makerspace**. Not sure where your interest lies? Join one of more than 20 on-campus **clubs and affinity groups** or create your own!



246
Student jobs

20+
Student
clubs and
organizations

41%
Students that
work while
attending
college

8%
Student parents

STUDY TOURS

MAKE THE COMMUNITY YOUR CLASSROOM

In the 2023-24 academic year, more- than 1,600 Pierce College students participated in courses that included a service-learning project. Past projects have included trail maintenance, wildlife area clean-ups, tree restoration, gardening, working in a traveling food pantry, and more.

MAKE THE WORLD YOUR CLASSROOM

Gain a global perspective while earning college credit by studying abroad! Pierce College offers 1 to 2 week study tour programs for students with busy work and family lives. Students can also study abroad from 4 weeks to a full term. Since 2023, our students have had the opportunity to expand their education in Costa Rica, Chile, Japan, Australia, Germany, France, and South Korea!

Pierce College is a multi-dimensional, global campus, representative of our increasingly interconnected world — and that's both important and intentional.

We actively recruit and welcome international students to join us here in Washington state, and we embrace the many cultures, traditions, and perspectives they bring to our campuses. We also encourage students across all of our disciplines to discover how they can pursue their academic goals in opportunities to study abroad.

Our international students and our students who bring back their experiences from abroad help us maintain a vibrant, diverse, multilingual, and accepting community, and help us cultivate global citizenship in the next generation of innovators.

41
Countries
represented by
international
students





Raider Athletics participates in the highly competitive Northwest Athletic Conference (NWAC), composed of 36 regional members in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and British Columbia. Pierce College also provides opportunities for students to show their school spirit on the Raider Cheer Squad and Raider Mascot Team. Raiders teams have won conference championships in softball (1982), soccer (1992), and baseball (2012). In 2024, Pierce College proudly partnered with the City of Lakewood to build the first home field for the Raider Baseball team at Fort Steilacoom Park.

www.PierceRaiders.com



WOMEN'S TEAMS

Basketball
Cross Country
Track & Field
Soccer
Softball
Volleyball

MEN'S TEAMS

Baseball
Basketball
Soccer

STUDENT VOICES

BELONG. ADVANCE. THRIVE...



Shonteika, Class of 2018
Bachelor of Applied Science in Emergency Management

“Pierce College gave me a start that I never thought I would have in my life. When I didn't believe in myself there were people who believed in me. At Pierce, I never felt like I was behind.”



Treva, Class of 2024
Associate of Arts in Graphic Design

“I don't know anybody who doesn't say Pierce is special. There is some kind of magic about this school.”



Sam, Class of 2024
Associate in Business

“Being a student at Pierce is so much more than attending a 2-year institution and transferring to complete a degree. It's about setting milestones with my family and proving what was once seen as impossible is possible. It's about being given a chance and being cared for despite where I come from or how I came to be.”

Davon, Class of 2025
Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice

“The structure of Pierce College has really worked for me. Pierce is well-organized, and I've always been able to find the help I needed.”



Vanessa, Class of 2024
Associate of Arts in Communication Studies

“It can be difficult to find people who know how to teach those who are neurodivergent, but I was able to find a tutor at the tutoring center who was great at explaining things to me and if I wasn't getting something she'd say, “no problem, let's try another way.”



Tony, Class of 2019
Associate in Applied Science – Transfer Kinesiology, Personal Training Certificate

“I always wanted to grow and to push myself a little bit. At Pierce College, I realized I can push myself further. That's why I decided to ultimately become a Doctor of Physical Therapy.”



Yael, Class of 2023
Associate of Arts – Direct Transfer Agreement

“Pierce has prepared me very well for what a four-year university is going to look like. I've learned a lot of responsibility and discipline and how to work every day toward my goals.”



SUPPORTING YOU WHERE YOU ARE

YOU'VE TAKEN AN
IMPORTANT STEP
TOWARD YOUR
GOALS. WE'RE
HERE TO HELP!

BASIC NEEDS

We understand that support is vital along your educational journey. Pierce Advocacy and Resource Connections (PARC) provides critical information that can help you find food, medical care, childcare, housing, immigration support, transportation and financial assistance.

MILITARY & VETERANS

Support services and funding is available for veterans, active-duty service members and their families. We even have a campus on base.

TECHNOLOGY

Students can borrow equipment such as laptops, hot spots, and calculators. The Student Technology Assistance Team (STAT) offers free support to answer technology-related questions.

TUTORING

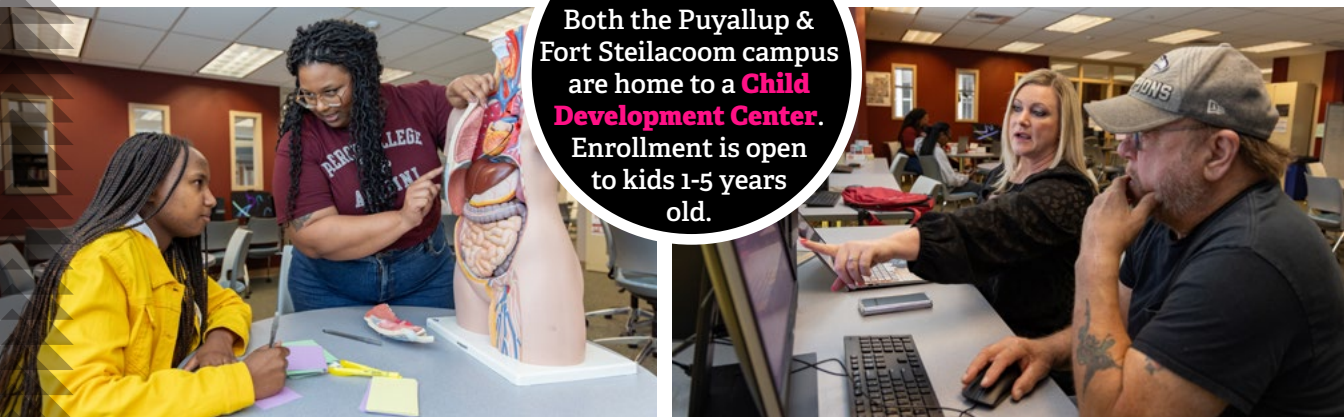
Free peer tutoring in just about every subject! Access the Tutoring, Math and Writing Centers online or in-person.

SUPPORT PROGRAMS

The Student Engagement Services staff serve all students at Pierce College and provides a brave space for Black, Indigenous, Persons of Color (BIPOC), LGBTQIA2S, students with disabilities, veterans, first-generation students, and low-income students.

We serve and empower students through multiple support programs that are inclusive and collaborative. These programs include Student Life, TRIO, ASPIRE, Veterans Resource Center (also a resource for those currently serving and their families), Access and Disability Services, and more.

Need full
time childcare?
Both the Puyallup &
Fort Steilacoom campus
are home to a **Child
Development Center**.
Enrollment is open
to kids 1-5 years
old.



FACULTY + STAFF

At Pierce College, you'll connect with exceptional staff and faculty who are committed to helping you achieve your educational goals. They'll be your teachers, mentors and leaders as you unlock all the possibilities your education can provide.

We asked a few members of our faculty and staff to finish this sentence: **"I love Pierce College students because..."**

23%
Faculty of color

34%
Staff of color



DERRICK ESTRADA, Associate Professor of English

“...of their desire to be contributing members to the community. Our students have many choices when it comes to where they receive an education, but I believe they choose Pierce because they see its value beyond what a classroom can provide. They see value in our culture, value in our faculty and staff, and value in the experience to be gained by being a Pierce student.”



MARKIVA CONTRIS, LVT, CCRP, Professor of Veterinary Technology

“...of their focus and determination. During their time in our rigorous veterinary technology program, they support each other and create a community of dedicated professionals. I am always so proud to call them my colleagues.”



TONY BRITO, Student Success Coach

“...through their eyes, I see endless opportunities. At Pierce, I have that privilege to holistically guide them, counsel them in degree exploration so they can hone in on their academic skills.”

PROGRAMS BY CAREER PATHWAY

26 Associate Degrees • 8 Associate-DTA Degrees • Professional/Technical Degrees
6 Bachelor's Degrees • 52 certificate programs

Art, Humanities & Communication

Communication Studies
Information and Library Studies
Journalism
Literature
Music Education
Music Performance
New Media and Digital Design
Philosophy/Ethics
Theatre and Film
Visual Arts
World Languages – Spanish, ASL
Writing Studies

Business

Accounting
Administrative Assistant
Business Management
Business and Data Analytics
Computer Science
Construction Management
Integrated Business Technology
Office Management
Project Management

Education

Child Care Aid, Teacher, Director
Child Care Licensor
Early Achievers Coach/Mentor
Early Interventionist
Education Coordinator
Elementary School Teacher
Family Child Care Provider
Head Start Teacher
High School Teacher
Home Visitor
Kindergarten Teacher
Middle School Teacher

Paraeducator
Preschool Teacher
Special Education Teacher
Specialist Teacher (Music, PE, Art, ELL, Bilingual Education, Tech, World Languages)

Healthcare

Administrative Assistant
Biotechnology
Dental Hygiene
Emergency Medical Services
Health Information Technology & Analytics
Kinesiology
Medical Billing and Coding
Medical Office Assistant
Medicine (pre-Med, pre-Dental, etc)
Nursing
Paramedic
Physical Therapy Assistant
Physicians Assistant
Veterinary Technology

Social and Behavioral Sciences, Public Services

Anthropology
Archaeology
Criminal Justice
Economics
Emergency Management
Fire Services Leadership & Administration
Geography

History
Military Technology & Leadership
Occupational Safety & Health
Political Science
Psychology
Social Service/Mental Health
Sociology

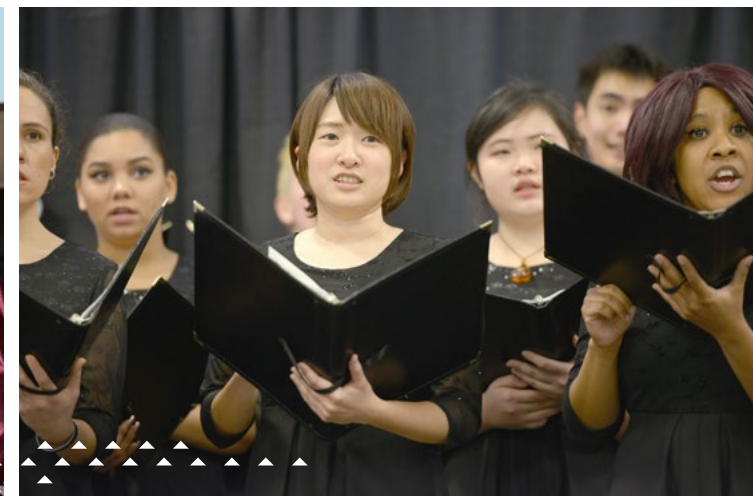
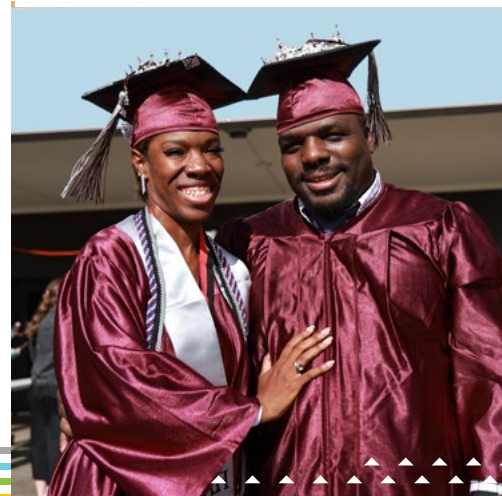
Science, Technology, Engineering, Math

Anthropology
Application Development
Biological/Physical
Anthropology
Biology
Chemistry
Civil Engineer
Computer Science
Computer Systems
Administration
Data Management & Analytics
Electrical Engineer
Engineering
Environmental Science
Geography
Geology
Math
Mechanical Engineer
Network Engineering and Cybersecurity
Oceanography
Physics and Astronomy

www.pierce.ctc.edu/pathways



Refine your skills, meet your career goals, or develop a hobby in one of our non-credit **Community and Continuing Education Classes.**



YOU CAN AFFORD COLLEGE

Going to college is within reach. We'll show you how.

Estimated Tuition + Fees (does not include additional program or course fees, books or supply costs)

	Per Term 2024-25	WA-Resident	Non-WA Resident (US citizen, & eligible non-citizen)	JBLM Campus
≤299 LEVEL COURSES	1 credit	\$144.59	\$162.79	\$153.80
	5 credits	\$722.95	\$813.955	\$769
	12 credits (full time)	\$1,605.82	\$1,789.76	\$1,845.60
	15 credits	\$1,805.20	\$1,992.05	\$2,307
≥300 LEVEL COURSES	1 credit	\$247.61	\$282.81	—
	5 credits	\$1,323.05	\$1,414.05	—
	12 credits (full time)	\$2,705.72	\$2,889.66	—
	15 credits	\$2,754.65	\$2,941.50	—

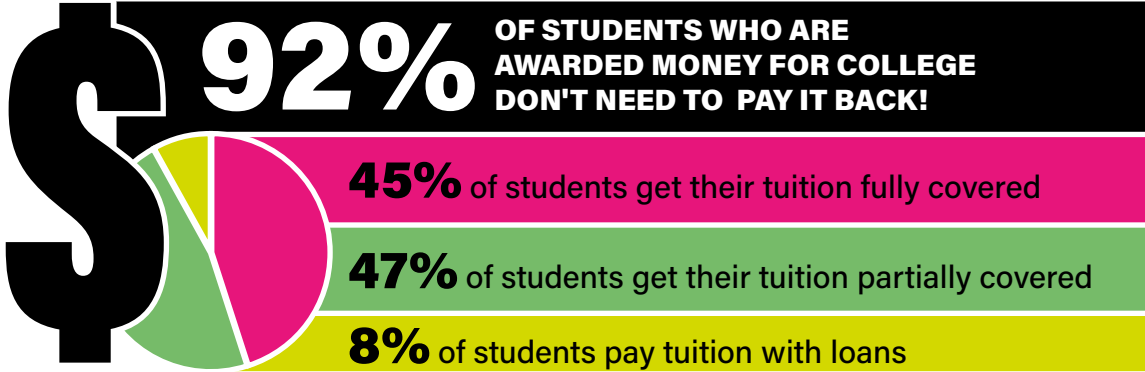
The rates in the chart above are effective from Fall Term 2024 through Summer 2025, set by the Washington State Legislature and regulated by the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges (SBCTC). Tuition and fees (mandatory operating fee, building fee and S&A fee) are charged per credit and by residency.

Transitional Education classes are **\$25 a term!** Brush up on the basics, earn your GED, or improve your English with English as a Second Language (ESL) classes.

Running Start tuition is **FREE!** Junior and senior high school students can earn college credit while completing high school graduation requirements.

Are you: Unemployed or underemployed? Veteran or soon to be veteran? **Worker Retraining** funding could be for you and **doesn't need to be paid back.**

It looks like a lot, but...



Not including Running Start (free!), basic education for adult students (\$25 a quarter!), and Continuing Education (non-credit) classes. Data represented is based on students who received financial aid for 2023-24.

Remember: most Pierce College students who apply for financial aid do not pay full cost! Money for college is out there. Reach out and grab it!

The most important step in financing your education is to apply for financial aid. Financial aid helps students pay for college. This financial assistance can cover educational expenses including tuition and fees, books, supplies, and transportation. There are several types of financial aid, including grants, scholarships, work study, and loans. You may be eligible for a combination of these various types of aid. Fill out your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WAFSA). Complete one of these forms every year, even if your family income is high. You might find you are eligible for financial aid that doesn't have to be paid back. How can you say no to free money?

Need more free money? There are many federal and state grants available, like the Washington College Grant, that don't have to be paid back, plus a variety of scholarship opportunities.

The Pierce College Foundation awards more than \$100,000 in scholarships each year and grants more than \$20,000 toward helping students with basic life expenses.

VISIT + APPLY

CAMPUS TOURS

The best way to get to know Pierce College is to visit! We offer regular in person campus tours and virtual information sessions.



www.pierce.ctc.edu/visit

EXPLORE FUNDING

Apply for financial aid through the FAFSA or WAFSA, discover scholarship opportunities, and learn about payment options. Funding can help cover not only tuition, but also books, housing and food, transportation and other personal expenses while you are pursuing your education.



www.pierce.ctc.edu/pay-college

APPLY FOR ADMISSION

Apply anytime for FREE! Questions? Call us! 253-964-6501



The Bachelor of Applied Science degrees, Veterinary Technology, Nursing, Transitional Education, and International Education require special admissions procedures.

www.pierce.ctc.edu/admissions

WHEN DO YOU WANT TO START?

Term You Want To Start	Financial Aid Application Priority Date	ANNUAL Enrollment Begins	Tuition/Fees Due	Term Begins
Summer 2025	May 6, 2025	May 12, 2025 <i>current students</i>	June 17, 2025	July 1, 2025
Fall 2025	July 21, 2025	May 27, 2025 <i>new students</i>	Sept. 8, 2025	Sept. 22, 2025
Winter 2026	Nov. 3, 2025	Register for multiple terms for the current academic year, all at once.	Dec. 18, 2026	Jan. 5 2026
Spring 2026	Feb. 2, 2026		March 23, 2026	April 6, 2026

For the full academic
calendar visit

[www.pierce.ctc.edu/
calendar/academic](http://www.pierce.ctc.edu/calendar/academic)



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HERE



OUR CAMPUSES

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