

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 serving individuals remotely and can be contacted by email or phone. Contact information can be found in our Staff Directory on the next page. **In-person service is temporarily closed.**

Welcome to Fall 2020!

Welcome all new and returning students, faculty and staff to Fall 2020! In our newsletters you will find information on free services and resources available to students and community members. Watch for future editions of our newsletters in your email or on the Pierce College Workforce website. Past editions can also be found on the Pierce College Website at <https://www.pierce.ctc.edu/workforce-connections>.

SBCTC Student Emergency Assistance is BACK!

Starting October 6th, students can begin submitting their requests.

Funding is available again through Student Emergency Assistance. Pierce College students must complete and submit a request form AND have a short intake conversation. Funds are limited! These funds are separate from CARES ACT funding.

Who is Eligible?

- Pierce College students currently enrolled in the quarter they apply

What can the grant help with?

- Funding for expenses (not including tuition) such as transportation, housing, childcare, etc.

Where can I find a Request Form?

- Attached to the Special Funding edition of the Job & Career Connections Newsletter next week
- Posted on Canvas next week
- Online at <https://www.pierce.ctc.edu/workforce-connections> once available next week

In-Demand Certifications

When applying for jobs or exploring possible career pathways, it is a good idea to not only research what skills and education are needed or desired, but to also review if any certifications may also be needed or desired by an employer. According to Washington State Employment Security/LMEA; The Conference Board® Burning Glass® Help Wanted On Line™, the top 20 certifications listed in job posted in Pierce County from May 2020 through August 2020 are:

Rank	Certification	Rank	Certification
1	Driver's License	11	Food Handler Certification
2	Registered Nurse	12	Certified Nursing Assistant
3	Basic Life Saving (BLS)	13	Critical Care Registered Nurse (CCRN)
4	Basic Cardiac Life Support Certification	14	Security Clearance
5	First Aid, CPR, AED	15	Casino Gaming License
6	Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) Certification	16	OSHA Forklift Certification
7	Nursing Specialty Certification	17	Certified Emergency Nurse
8	Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)	18	American Heart Association Certification
9	Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP)	19	Certified Medical Assistant
10	CDL Class A	20	Certified Teacher

To learn more about what employers want or how this compares to other counties, go to: <https://esd.wa.gov/labormarketinfo/employer-demand>.

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Cascade bldg. 3rd fl.
PY (Puyallup) Student Success Center,
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Did You Know - you may be eligible for assistance through Pierce College Workforce Programs?

The Workforce department and its partners can assist with accessing and navigating campus and community resources which may include finding help with funding for tuition and books, housing, applying for financial aid, job search, childcare and more.

Below is a guide to our Workforce programs.

- **BFET (Basic Food Employment & Training)** Supports students receiving SNAP benefits who are enrolled in certain professional/technical programs.
- **WorkFirst** Supports students who are parents of young children, receiving TANF (Cash Assistance), and are enrolled in certain professional/technical programs.
- **Worker Retraining** Supports students who currently receive or have received unemployment benefits in the past 48 months, about to or have separated from the military in the past 48 months, a displaced homemaker, formerly self-employed or meet other eligibility requirements and are enrolled in a professional/technical program.
- **Opportunity Grant** Supports students who are low-income (per FAFSA) who are enrolled in certain professional/technical programs.
- **Job and Career Connections** is Pierce College's Career Center. It supports students, alumni, staff, faculty, and community members who may be looking for work, including fulltime, part time, work study, internship, or volunteer opportunities. We also help those who need job search resources, career exploration, or a resume or cover letter reviewed among other support services.

Metropolitan Development Council (MDC)

MDC is a community-based organization located in downtown Tacoma that serves all of Pierce County. **At Pierce College, the MDC Coordinator 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 (WOIS)
- ✓ Scholarships
- ✓ Student Loans and Loan Defaults
- ✓ GED Testing including official exams and study material expenses* and online account setup
- ✓ Financial Literacy

*Dependent upon TRIO-EOC grant income guidelines

For further information, please contact Eleni Palmisano (MDC Coordinator). Contact information can be found to the left in the Workforce Staff Directory.

Funding Eligibility: *Start Next Quarter* online survey www.startnextquarter.org, identifies possible funding sources for Professional/Technical degrees or certificates.
Jobs, Work Study, & Internships: www.myinterfase.com/pierce_ctc/student
Pierce College Job & Career Connections Facebook:
www.facebook.com/groups/1151589171538211/