

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

Pierce College Counseling Resources

Life happens inside and outside the classroom. Sometimes this can cause problems for students in either or both spheres. Counseling can help students sort through their difficulties and figure out what they can do to improve their situations. This might be learning about resources on- or off-campus, or identifying how one's strengths can be put to use, or just having the opportunity to talk to someone.

In an effort to address the variety of needs — personal, emotional and academic — of all its students, Pierce College faculty counselors provide short-term counseling services to enrolled students free of charge.

During these unprecedented times of social unrest and COVID-19 the counseling department wants to honor your wellness and mental health needs. A [Mental Health Resources](#) section has been created to assist you with finding the best fit for you and your life.

Faculty counselors are licensed mental health counselors for the state of Washington. Faculty counselors provide a wide range of services, including crisis intervention, personal counseling, consultation, academic issues, career counseling, and presentations on issues common to the college environment, such as time/stress management, suicidality, eating disorders, alcohol/substance use/abuse, and relationship issues. Faculty counselors can also provide consultation to staff and faculty regarding students of concern.

To schedule an appointment with a faculty counselor:

- Contact a counselor directly:
 - Megan Irby, 253-912-3602
 - Brenda Rogers, 253-912-2240
 - Jennifer Wright, 253-840-8443
- Call the Student Success Center at 253-840-8431
- Call the Welcome Center at 253-964-6705

Find more information on the Pierce College website Counseling page and related pages at <https://www.pierce.ctc.edu/counseling>.

Funding Eligibility: Start Next Quarter online survey www.startnextquarter.org, identifies possible funding sources for degrees or certificates.

Jobs, Work Study, & Internships: [PC Job Connect](#)

Pierce College Job & Career Connections Facebook:

www.facebook.com/groups/1151589171538211/

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PY (Puyallup) Student Success Center,
Gaspard Administration bldg., A106

Grad Path

College is a big investment of time and money. Did you know that for every student loan dollar borrowed, it can cost up to two dollars to repay long-term? It is recommended that you only borrow up to as much as you anticipate earning during your first year after completing your degree.

Grad Path is a new program from the Consumer Finance Bureau that helps decode the cost of college. It benefits students by assisting them to understand the full cost of going to college as well as to make sure it pays off in the long run. This program uses a student's financial aid offer as the starting point to help students figure out how to pay for college with a focus on long term affordability. The Grad Path tool can benefit a student by:

- Reviewing and evaluating a student's financial aid offer and determine whether there is enough funding
- Creating a plan to cover the remaining costs, including fine-tuning a financial plan for the upcoming year
- Checking the long-term affordability of student loan debt by estimating the total debt at graduation and check it against the affordability guidelines based on the median salary from the school and/or program
- Comparing offers from different schools
- Thinking about whether the school is the right investment
- Determining potential next steps for implementing the plan and alternatives to consider

A user-friendly characteristic of Grad Path is that there is not an account sign in. An individualized URL is created which can be shared, edited, and converted to a PDF as needed. Grad Path can be accessed through www.consumerfinance.gov/gradpath/. If you would like assistance through the process, including one-to-one counseling, please contact Eleni Palmisano. Her contact information is to the left in the Workforce Staff Directory or you can request an appointment through completing the following form: <https://tinyurl.com/9552672d>

Virtual Employer of the Day!

A recruiter with Scribe America will be joining us virtually to recruit for medical scribes. The recruiter will be live talking about the job, employer, application tips, training, and more!

When: Monday, April 26th from 2pm-3pm

Where: [Online via Zoom](#)

Meeting ID: 899 4971 1047 **Passcode:** 509386

Or Call in: 12532158782

Cost: FREE!

Questions? Email JCC@pierce.ctc.edu