What is Starfish?

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Objectives

By the end of this session, you will be able to…

- Explain the purpose of Starfish
- Understand What Degree Planner is
- Log in to Starfish

Key Points

- Starfish is a **website** that exists to assist you with your educational goals.

- Starfish connects you to your **Success Network**, which includes your instructors, advisors, and other support resources at Pierce College.

- Starfish allows you to create and view your **Degree Plan.**

Why use Starfish?

Starfish helps you in multiple ways, including…

- Connecting you with a **Success Network** that includes faculty and staff dedicated to your success.

- Enabling you to **schedule appointments** with faculty, advisors, and other resource personnel online.

What is a Success Network?

- Your **Success Network** includes your instructors, your advisor, and additional personnel members who are relevant to you.

- They are **your** support network! They can help you answer financial aid/funding questions, address basic needs issues (transportation/housing/food security), and can provide ongoing transfer and career pathways advice.

- Starfish connects you with your network and has tools to let them know when you need their help.

- The goal with Starfish is to get you the *right* resources when *you* need them!

How is Starfish unique?

You have several online tools for success, including Canvas and your Pierce College email address.

Starfish is unique because it allows you to quickly connect with your campus resources and your Degree Plan, in addition to your current faculty for each term.

What is Degree Planner?

- Degree Planner is an educational planning tool in Starfish.

- You can use Degree Planner to personalize course or pathway maps as a guide to degree and/or certificate completion.

- You can create as many plans as you'd like. However, there is only one **active** plan at any given time. Your active plan is the main plan that you should be following.

Tools for Success

Starfish	MyPierce Portal	Canvas	Pierce Email	ctcLink
Your connection to your Success Network and Degree Plan, including instructors, advisors, and support personnel, as well as additional resources and services.	Your portal links out to Starfish, Canvas, your student email, and ctcLink.	Your online classroom where you connect with your classmates and instructors this quarter.	Your official means of communication with Pierce College, where you send and receive communications about college-related matters.	Register for classes, check on your financial charges due, change your information, request transcripts.

How to Log In

Go to the Starfish URL:

https://pierce.starfishsolutions.com/starfish-ops

Use your WiFi/Papercut (printing) login.

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Pierce College Students please enter your printing username and password. Pierce College Employees please enter your network username and password.

| JDoe1234 |

| Password |

Sign in

How do I log in?
Pierce College Students
Students, your Pierce College Network ID is used for email, WiFi, and printing. Your login usually follows this formula:

Username
First Initial + Last Name + Last Four of Student ID #
Example: abrown6789

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possibilities. **realized.**

Your Login Credentials

User name: jgonzales6789

*First Initial + Last Name + Last Four of **Student ID***

- *If you were admitted to Pierce prior to 4/30/20, then use your Legacy SID.*
- *If you were admitted to Pierce on or after 5/1/20, then use your ctcLink ID.*

Password: PCD!20021108

PCD! + YYYY + MM + DD

This is the password for someone born November 8, 2002.

This is the same login that you use for campus WiFi and Papercut printing.

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That's it!

- Now that you've logged in, you should update your profile.

- Check out the Updating Your Profile PowerPoint for details about how to update your profile.

Need help?

If you have questions or feedback about Starfish, please email StarfishTeam@pierce.ctc.edu.

Thanks!

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