

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 in person at Fort Steilacoom and Puyallup. We are available by email or phone. Staff Directory information located on the next page.

WorkFirst Expanded to Include ALL Transfer Degrees!

We are excited to share that, effective immediately, approved programs for [WorkFirst](#) participants has been expanded to **include all transfer degrees** (including the AA-DTA!).

Both [BFET](#) and [WorkFirst](#) programs are now able to support students in the following pathways:

- Professional-Technical certificates
- Professional-Technical degrees (AAS, AAS-T)
- 2-year transfer degrees
- Adult Basic Education (PCAD, GED, ESL)

While our baccalaureate degrees are currently still excluded from eligibility, those who are in the final 12 months of a BAS degree, in a high-wage/high-demand field, may be eligible for WorkFirst. WorkFirst staff will assist BAS students in determining eligibility.

Both WorkFirst and BFET assist with:

- Tuition, textbooks, and wrap-around supports funds
- Reporting enrollment to DSHS to maintain food and/or cash benefits
- Reporting enrollment to DCYF to qualify for childcare subsidies

Students who receive food or cash assistance (SNAP and/or TANF), please connect with us at Workforce@pierce.ctc.edu or 253-964-6265.

Employer of the Day

Medtronic - Wednesday, July 17th 10:00am-12:00pm
Puyallup Campus, College Center Building 2nd floor

Medtronic will be on campus to talk with students about careers and positions, how to apply, ways to prepare now, and answer questions. They will be recruiting for entry level Clinical Specialist positions with Medtronic Cardiac Rhythm Management.

Start Next Quarter Survey (SNQ) – Not Just for New Students

Start Next Quarter is a quick and easy way to find out more about Workforce programs. Anyone, at any point in their education, can complete the Start Next Quarter Survey to see if they may be eligible for Workforce programs and connect with Workforce Development. This short survey asks a few questions to determine if a student may be eligible for Basic Food Employment and Training (BFET), Opportunity Grant, Worker Retraining, or WorkFirst. Upon completion, individuals are directed to sign up for a call between 9am and 11am on a specific day of your choice or request a contact from a Workforce member. We'll look at eligibility results from the survey and provide you with the next steps.

Go to www.startnextquarter.org to fill out the short survey. Please share the link to Start Next Quarter with anyone interested in attending Pierce College.

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FS (Fort Steilacoom) Welcome
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Hours: In-person and remote
service available Monday – Friday,
8am-11am for walk-ins and
afternoons by appointment.

Have a question? Email us at
JCC@pierce.ctc.edu

Skills Hiding in Plain Sight

Quite often, applicants undersell the transferable and core job skills they have and fail to include them on a resume or application materials when they lack employment history. Skills do not need to be learned or refined in a paid position and employers are open and interested to learn how a skill was acquired. For example, leadership skills may be strengthened from taking on a role in a student activities club. Customer service could be developed through volunteering with a local foodbank to distribute food and hygiene items. Microsoft Office skills could be enhanced by taking courses in LinkedIn Learning, Microsoft, or at Pierce College.

When talking about your skills, employers may ask for examples or evidence/demonstration of those skills. Have some examples in mind of when you have used those skills to be successful but also consider times where you may not have been successful and learned from that experience.

According to Employment Security Department/DATA; The Conference Board® Burning Glass® Help Wanted OnLine™ the top common skills requested by employers in job postings during April, 2024:


Top Common Skills	Rank	Top Common Skills	Rank
Communication	1	English Language	11
Customer Service	2	Interpersonal Communications	12
Management	3	Planning	13
Sales	4	Professionalism	14
Leadership	5	Coordinating	15
Operations	6	Scheduling	16
Detail Oriented	7	Microsoft Office	17
Lifting Ability	8	Microsoft Excel	18
Problem Solving	9	Computer Literacy	19
Writing	10	Organizational Skills	20

Is Your 2024-2025 FAFSA or WASFA Completed?

Summer quarter 2024 starts Pierce College's next Financial Aid year. Remember to complete your 2024-2025 [FAFSA](#) or [WAFSA](#). Each year is determined separately and an application must be submitted each year. Not attending summer? It is not too early to apply for funding for fall term. Be sure to check your student portal in CTC Link for updates from Financial Aid on any awards or needed items.

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

Jobs, Work Study, & Internships: <https://pierce.joinhandshake.com>

Need Help?  Find campus and community resource: [Pierce Advocacy and Resource Connections \(PARC\)](#)