

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.

Handshake Helps Students Connect to Opportunities

Handshake is a web-based platform to connect students, alumni, faculty, and staff to nearly 1 million employers and recruiters. Positions include fulltime and part time employment opportunities, internships, volunteer positions, work study, and campus student employment. Additionally, employers can host events to share about their company and positions they are recruiting for, networking sessions, information sessions or even student conferences and learning opportunities. Students and alumni can create their profile to connect with employers, upload a resume, and have the option of being open to employers connecting with them as well as with other students and alumni. Plus, students control the level of privacy and what is shared.

To start, students use their Pierce College log-in credentials to claim their account at: <https://pierce.joinhandshake.com>. Handshake is available as an app through Google Play or the App Store. Questions about using Handshake? Connect with Job & Career Connections!

Welcome to Our New Part Time Workforce Coordinators!

We are excited to announce we have 3 new part-time Workforce Coordinators. Please help us welcome each of them to Pierce College.

Tammie Pyne is a former Pierce College curriculum advisor (Success Coach) and adjunct Business and Management professor from 2015 to 2020. Since 2020 Tammie has been working in state government and small business entrepreneurship. “There is a distinctive joy in the commonality of community support. Workforce and the Pierce College community have an intrinsic connection in ensuring everyone is being helped in a positive way in the advancement of many lives through education, job, and career progression. Pierce has always been a special place for students and professionals alike, and my goal is to be a catalyst of positive change for those searching to be their best selves. As a retired Air Force veteran, if I can help those transitioning from military life into civilian life through job search support, please feel free to contact me.”

Tricia Tumalak has a background in research coordination, peer advising, and customer service. She received her BS in Applied Business Management with an emphasis in Accounting at BYU-Idaho. Tricia spent 18 months in South Korea on a service mission immersed in Korean language and culture. Fluent and conversational in 4 languages, she is passionate about applying her global perspective and skills to support students in achieving their educational and professional goals. “I am thrilled to step into the role of Workforce Coordinator at Pierce College. In this position, I look forward to supporting students as they pursue funding opportunities that make their educational goals achievable. My commitment is to empower our students by connecting them with resources and guiding them through the process, helping them to thrive academically and professionally.”

Sydney Hertel received her BA in both English Literature and Psychology from Illinois Wesleyan University. She had an 11-year career as a flight attendant, during which she participated in union activities as the Main Chair of the Human Rights and Equity Committee, and trained incoming flight attendants. On her off time she’s traveled to 20 different countries, works at a local bookstore, and volunteers for Harbor Wild Watch. “I am excited to put my diverse experiences to good use at Pierce College, especially by thinking in, out, and all around the box for students to find where they can truly succeed and thrive.”

Workforce Staff Directory

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FS (Fort Steilacoom) Welcome Center, Cascade bldg. 3rd fl.

PY (Puyallup) Student Success Center, Gaspard bldg., ADM 106

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

Annual Enrollment

Annual enrollment gives students the ability to sign up for classes in multiple terms. During Winter registration current and new students will be able to view and register for classes in both Winter and Spring Terms. More questions? Check the Annual Enrollment – Frequently Asked Questions page on the Pierce College website at: <https://www.pierce.ctc.edu/annual-enrollment-faq>

For the 2025-2026 academic year watch for a new annual approach to enrollment to include Summer, Fall, Winter, and Spring Terms when registration opens in May 2025.

Priority Deadline Dates for Financial Aid

Submit your [FAFSA](#) or [WAFSA](#) application by the priority timeline to ensure Financial Aid will have adequate time to process your aid. Funding for each year is determined separately, and a financial aid application must be submitted each year. The Financial Aid year at Pierce College runs Summer Term (July) through Spring Term (June). For Winter 2025 and Spring 2025 Terms complete the 2024-2025 [FAFSA](#) or [WAFSA](#). The 2025-2026 [FAFSA](#) application is now available and the [WAFSA](#) application should be available December 1 for the upcoming academic year which begins July 1, 2025. Be sure to check your student portal in CTC Link for updates from Financial Aid on any awards or needed items.

Academic Term You Want to Begin	Financial Aid Priority Timeline	Tuition/Fees Due	Academic Term Begins
Winter 2025	November 18, 2024	December 19, 2024	January 6, 2025
Spring 2025	February 10, 2025	March 24, 2025	April 7, 2025
Summer 2025	April 22, 2025	TBD	July 1, 2025


Your Career Center is Open During Winter Break!

Job & Career Connections is open when the college is open! The college will be closed November 28th and 29th, December 23rd to 27th, and January 1st.

Winter break may be a wonderful time to take a deeper look into career pathways or jobs that align with your skills, values, and goals. Additionally, this may be a good time to update your resume, start planning for and search for an internship for spring, or practicing your interview skills. Many employers wait until the new year to post their openings. Be ready to apply with a professional resume, cover letter, and references.

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 \(PARC\)](#)