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# Why Pierce?

POINTS OF PRIDE

Awarded  
**TOP**

**5**

COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE  
IN THE  
**NATION**



Achieving the Dream  
**LEADER COLLEGE  
OF DISTINCTION**

Pierce College has received the **LEAH MEYER AUSTIN AWARD** – the highest distinction a college in the Achieving the Dream network can earn.



**16,000**

Pierce College is the largest college in Pierce County, serving nearly **16,000** students annually.

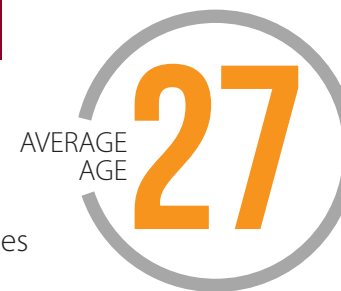
## PATHWAYS FOR SUCCESS

Pierce College was selected as one of five colleges in the state, and one of 30 in the nation, to implement Guided Pathways. Guided Pathways simplifies course choices, helping students make the most efficient use of their time and money.



## PROGRAMS

- 5** Bachelor's degrees
- 33** Associate degrees
- 41** Professional certificates
- 93** Career pathway maps

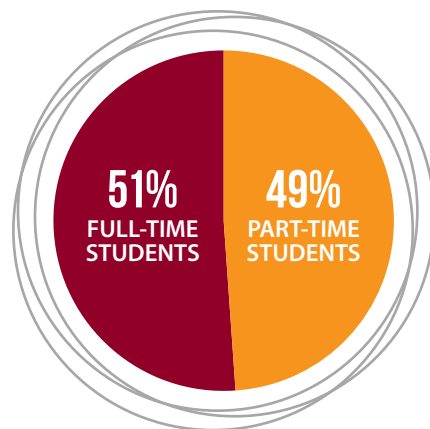


Pierce College has **increased** its graduation rate by 94 percent over the last eight academic years.

**94%**

**67%**

FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENTS

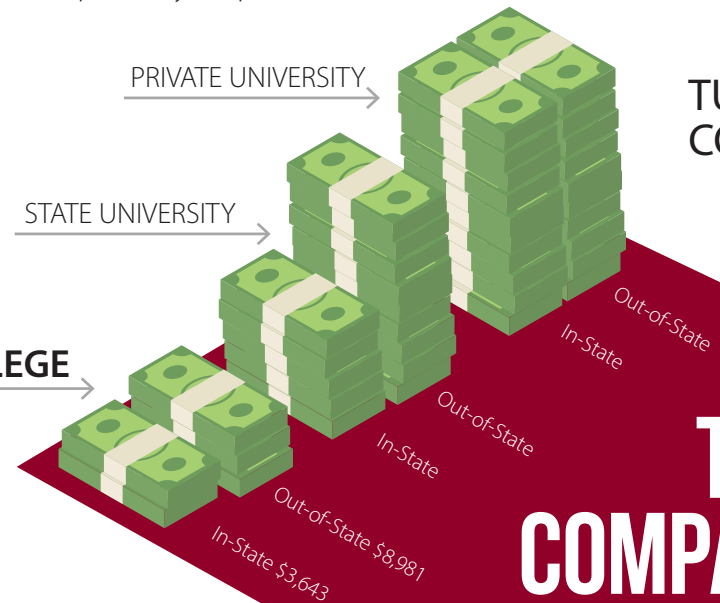


For Veterans, Pierce College is rated **#1 BEST FOUR YEAR COLLEGE IN THE STATE** and **#25 BEST FOUR YEAR COLLEGE IN THE NATION** by the Military Times.

PRIVATE UNIVERSITY

STATE UNIVERSITY

PIERCE COLLEGE



TUTORING COST =

**\$0**

## TUITION COMPARISON

# PROGRAMS

## UNIVERSITY TRANSFER DEGREES

If your goal is a bachelor's degree or beyond, it makes sense to attend Pierce College for your first two years. You'll pay a fraction of the cost for the same education and enjoy small class sizes and hands-on learning.

Associate of Arts (AA-DTA)

Associate of Science (AS-T)

n AS-T Track 1 for science pre-majors in biological sciences, chemistry, environmental/resource sciences, geology and earth science

n AS-T Track 2 for science pre-majors in engineering, computer science, physics and atmospheric sciences

Associate in Biology (DTA/MRP)

Associate in Business (DTA/MRP)

Associate in Construction Management (DTA/MRP)

Associate in Math Education (DTA/MRP)

Associate in Music (DTA/MRP)

Associate in Pre-Nursing (DTA/MRP)

## BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREES

Pierce College now offers the following Five Bachelor of Applied Science degrees:

**BAS in Dental Hygiene\*\***

**BAS in Homeland Security Emergency Management\*\***

**BAS in Teaching\*\***

**BAS in Applied Business Management\*\***

**BAS in Fire Services Leadership Management\*\***

## TRANSITIONAL EDUCATION

Whether you need to finish your high school diploma or learn English, Pierce College has a program to help you build your educational foundation.

Pierce College Adult Diploma (PCAD)

Basic Education for Adults (BEa)

English as a Second Language (ESL)

General Education Development (GED)

## PROFESSIONAL/TECHNICAL DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

Pierce College's professional/technical degrees and certificates are designed to provide students with the technical and related skills needed for successful employment.

### DEGREES

Administrative Assistant Medical Office

Applied Accounting

Applied Business\*

Computer Network Engineering

Construction Management

Criminal Justice

Database Management and Design

Digital Design

Early Childhood Education\*

Fire Command and Administration+

Administrative Assistant General Office

Health Informatics and Integrated Technology

Homeland Security Emergency Management

Kinesiology\*

Medical Billing and Coding

Nursing (ADN)\*\*

Occupational Safety and Health Technician^\*

Office Management

Paraeducation

Physical Therapist Assistant^^++

Social Service/Mental Health

Veterinary Technology\*\*

### CERTIFICATES

Accounting Office Assistant

Accounting Technology

Administrative Assistant Medical Office

Application Development

Athletic Coaching

Bookkeeping Office Assistant

Business

Business Analysis

Computer Systems Administration

Construction Management

Construction Safety Technician^

Crime Analysis and Investigative

Criminal Justice

Criminal Justice Forensic Technician

Emergency Medical Services

Emergency Medical Technician

Entrepreneurship

Explorer/Cadet Pre-Law Enforcement

General Office

Healthcare Database Management and Design

Homeland Security Emergency Management

Human Resource Management

Integrated Business Technology

LPN to RN Bridge

Medical Billing and Coding

Medical Office Assistant

Paraeducation

Personal Training

Project Management

Short Project Management

Social Media Marketing

Social Service/Mental Health

State Early Childhood Education Certificate

State Initial Early Childhood Education

State Short Early Childhood Certificate of Specialization - Administration

State Short Early Childhood Certificate of Specialization - Family Child Care

State Short Early Childhood Certificate of Specialization - General

State Short Early Childhood Certificate of Specialization - Infants and Toddlers

State Short Early Childhood Certificate of Specialization - School Age Care

Supervision and Management

Virtual Design and Construction for Construction Management

Tribal Homeland Security Emergency Management

# Life at PIERCE COLLEGE

Not all learning happens in the classroom. Pierce College offers opportunities to grow and explore arts, athletics, politics and more.

### CAMPUS PERKS

- On-site childcare centers
- Fitness and recreation centers
- Music and theatre programs
- Student activities and government
- Student newspapers
- Art galleries
- Science Dome at Fort Steilacoom
- Performing arts center at Puyallup



## ATHLETICS

Pierce College offers seven intercollegiate sports: men's and women's basketball and soccer, volleyball, baseball, softball and women's cross country. Pierce is one of 36 colleges that compete in the Northwest Athletic Conference. Pierce College also offers cheerleading.

\* Associate of Applied Science – Transfer Degree (AAS-T)

\*\*Special admissions procedures apply

^ Collaboration with Edmonds Community College

^^ Collaboration with Whatcom Community College

+ Collaboration with the Tacoma Fire Department

++ Associate in Science (AS)

# GETTING STARTED

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## ADMISSIONS APPLICATION

Submit an admissions application at [www.pierce.ctc.edu/apply-admission](http://www.pierce.ctc.edu/apply-admission) or visit an admissions office.  
FS: 253-964-6501 | PY: 253-864-3254

*The Bachelor of Applied Science degrees, Veterinary Technology, Nursing and International Education require special admission procedures.*

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## EXPLORE FUNDING

Apply for financial aid (grants and loans) and learn about payment options.

For more funding options and timelines visit: [www.pierce.ctc.edu/pay-college](http://www.pierce.ctc.edu/pay-college)  
Financial Aid: 253-964-6544

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## DETERMINE YOUR STARTING POINT

Placement for English, reading and math classes can be determined in multiple ways such as Smarter Balanced Assessment scores, high school or college transcripts, placement reciprocity, or a computer-based assessment.  
[www.pierce.ctc.edu/testing-centers](http://www.pierce.ctc.edu/testing-centers)  
FS: 253-964-6521 | PY: 253-840-8343

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## GET CONNECTED

Log in to MyPierce to set up your student email and complete the Student Guide. After you've finished the guide, you will schedule your advising appointment.  
[www.pierce.ctc.edu/get-connected](http://www.pierce.ctc.edu/get-connected)  
FS: 253-964-6705 | PY: 253-840-8431

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## REGISTER FOR CLASSES

After seeing an advisor, register for classes and pay your tuition and fees.  
[www.pierce.ctc.edu/register-and-pay](http://www.pierce.ctc.edu/register-and-pay)  
FS: 253-964-6615 | PY: 253-840-8413



# SUPPORT SERVICES

## ASPIRE

FS: 253-964-6300  
[www.pierce.ctc.edu/aspire](http://www.pierce.ctc.edu/aspire)  
ASPIRE aims to improve enrollment, retention and completion rates of underrepresented Asian American and Pacific Islander and low-income students.

## ACCESS AND DISABILITY SERVICES

FS: 253-964-6468 | PY: 253-840-8335  
[www.pierce.ctc.edu/ads](http://www.pierce.ctc.edu/ads)  
If you are a student with disabilities, you can access accommodations and support as well as educational planning, advising, assistive technology and learning strategies.

## COMMUNITY & CONTINUING EDUCATION (CCE)

253-840-8452  
[www.PierceCE.com](http://www.PierceCE.com)  
Upgrade your professional and personal skills with our vast selection of CCE courses.

## eLEARNING

253-964-6244  
[www.pierce.ctc.edu/elearning](http://www.pierce.ctc.edu/elearning)  
Using technology, eLearning allows you the freedom, flexibility and control to earn a certificate or degree on your own schedule.

## INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

253-964-6229  
[www.pierce.ctc.edu/ie](http://www.pierce.ctc.edu/ie)  
Students from around the world can earn degrees at Pierce College while strengthening their English skills, exploring American culture, and sharing their own culture with local students. In addition, American students can take advantage of Pierce's opportunities to study abroad.

## MILITARY EDUCATION

Fort Lewis: 253-964-6567 | McChord: 253-964-6606  
[www.pierce.ctc.edu/jblm](http://www.pierce.ctc.edu/jblm)  
Two education centers at Joint Base Lewis-McChord offer accelerated programs open to active-duty military personnel, their family members, VA benefit recipients and civilians.



## RUNNING START

FS: 253-964-6705 | PY: 253-840-8431  
[www.pierce.ctc.edu/running-start](http://www.pierce.ctc.edu/running-start)  
Academically qualified high school juniors and seniors can take college-level courses at Pierce College, earning both high school and college credit, tuition-free.

## TRiO STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

FS: 253-912-3644  
[www.pierce.ctc.edu/trio](http://www.pierce.ctc.edu/trio)  
The TRiO program at Pierce College Fort Steilacoom provides extra support and assists students in transferring to four-year colleges or universities.

## TUTORING

FS: 253-912-3684 | PY: 253-864-3255  
[www.pierce.ctc.edu/tutoring](http://www.pierce.ctc.edu/tutoring)  
Pierce College offers a variety of academic support services to meet individual needs of students.

## VETERANS SERVICES

FS: 253-964-6505 | PY: 253-864-3194  
[www.pierce.ctc.edu/veterans](http://www.pierce.ctc.edu/veterans)  
Specialized staff at both campuses are here to help veterans through the process of receiving VA Education Benefits. The Veterans Resource Center at Pierce College Fort Steilacoom has a textbook lending library, study areas, computers and a comfortable space for meeting other student veterans and learning about local resources.

## WORKFORCE

253-964-6265  
[www.pierce.ctc.edu/workforce](http://www.pierce.ctc.edu/workforce)  
Workforce programs help you reach new career goals by finding the program that works for you and your family, giving you the support you need to succeed.

## IMPORTANT Dates

**Summer/Fall advising**  
Around the beginning of May

**Summer/Fall registration**  
Around the middle of May

**Financial Aid**  
Complete your FAFSA for the upcoming year starting Oct. 1

**Winter advising**  
Around the end of October

**Winter registration**  
Around the beginning of November

**Spring advising**  
Around the end of January

**Spring registration**  
Around the middle of February

**For exact dates visit**   
[www.pierce.ctc.edu/calendar/academic](http://www.pierce.ctc.edu/calendar/academic)



# COLLABORATIONS

**CWU**

Central Washington University operates an extension site at Pierce College Fort Steilacoom, allowing students to earn bachelor's degrees in Lakewood.

**INVISTA**  
PERFORMANCE SOLUTIONS

Invista Performance Solutions is a workforce training resource that provides customized, targeted worker training for businesses.



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COLLEGE DIRECTORY	FORT STEILACOOM	PUYALLUP
<b>INFORMATION</b>	<b>253-964-6500</b>	<b>253-840-8400</b>
Access and Disability Services	253-964-6468	253-840-8335
Admissions	253-964-6501	253-864-3254
Advising	253-964-6705	253-840-8431
Athletics	253-964-6613	253-864-3316
Basic Skills	253-964-6657	253-840-8455
Campus Tours	<a href="http://www.pierce.ctc.edu/go/visitpierce">www.pierce.ctc.edu/go/visitpierce</a>	
Career Information	253-964-6705	253-840-8431
Community Education	253-840-8452	253-840-8452
eLearning	253-964-6244 • 1-877-DLforME (toll free)	
Financial Aid	253-964-6544	253-964-6544
International Education	253-964-6229	253-964-6229
Military Education	253-964-6567 (Fort Lewis)	253-964-6606 (McChord)
Registration/Records	253-964-6615	253-840-8400
Student Life	253-912-3659	253-840-8487
Testing	253-964-6521	253-840-8343
Transcripts	253-964-6615	253-840-8400
Veterans Services	253-964-6505	253-864-3194
Worker Retraining	253-964-6265	253-964-6265

**LOCATIONS**

**Pierce College Fort Steilacoom**  
9401 Farwest Drive SW  
Lakewood, WA 98498

**Pierce College Puyallup**  
1601 39th Avenue SE  
Puyallup, WA 98374

**Pierce College at JBLM**  
*Stone Education Center*  
6242 Colorado Avenue  
Fort Lewis, WA 98433

*McChord Education Center*  
851 Lincoln Blvd.  
McChord AFB, WA 98438

**Pierce College at Graham**  
*Graham-Kapowsin High School*  
22100 108th Avenue East  
Graham, WA 98338

**Pierce College at Spanaway**  
*Spanaway Lake High School*  
1305 168th St. E  
Spanaway, WA 98387

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