

# RUNNING START INFO SESSION



***2024-2025 Academic Year***

# Only One Rule...

- Breathe and know there is support and resources to learn more.

What on earth is that?



Oh,  
just my mind

# RUNNING START BASICS

- Dual credit program for HS juniors and seniors
- Available fall, winter, and spring terms. Summer is sometimes available
- Tuition paid through Running Start
  - *Students responsible for fees and books*
    - Students qualifying for fee waiver get most fees and books paid
- May take up to 21 college level credits per term
- 15 credits = typical full time class load
- 1 high school credit = 5 college credits
- 100-level courses and above

# RUNNING START BASICS

- Can be full time or part time college student
- Can take transfer or career technical education courses
- This is *your* experience

# HOW DOES A STUDENT QUALIFY?

- Junior or Senior in high school
- Guided Self Placement
  - All students are required to take English Guided Self-Placement.
  - Guided Self-Placement (GSP) for English and math are processes designed to provide you with information needed to make an informed decision about your English and math placement.
  - Math typically completed at high school for HS grad requirements. Algebra 2.
  - To take college-level math for associate degree, students must to take Math Guided Self-Placement



# PROGRAM COSTS

- **Every term students pay:**
  - Student fees
    - EX: 15 credits (full-time student) \$225.00 (approx) per term at Pierce College
  - Course fees
  - Books
    - \$300+ for full-time students
  - Supplies
  - Provide own transportation



**Student Fee Waiver:** available to eligible students (waives student fees and excess credit tuition; automatically eligible for book loan program)

# BEING A COLLEGE STUDENT MEANS...

- Classes may move at a faster pace
- Grades appear on permanent college and high school transcript
- Attendance/Engagement is required to be successful
- Different holiday schedule
- Communication between college, guidance counselors, and family must comply with FERPA
- Active partnership between student, family, guidance counselor, and college is essential to student success!



# BEING A COLLEGE STUDENT MEANS...

- **Be Pro-Active!**
  - **You** have to initiate communication, both sending and receiving.
  - **You** must regularly check on messages in your preferred email, ctcLink, and Starfish.
  
- **Be Fully Engaged!**
  - **You** must attend class, both in person and on-line.
  - **You** must reach out with questions and needed support.



# BEING A MENTOR MEANS...

- Be Fully Engaged With Your Student's Experience!
  - **You** should ask a lot of questions. Remember FERPA?
  - **You** can remind your student about checking email, ctcLink, and Starfish.

# BEING A MENTOR MEANS... ctcLink



Important messages

Message Center

Tasks

No current tasks

Academic Progress

Manage Classes

Register for classes

Balance Due

Financial Aid

Financial Account

Academic Records

Profile

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Additional Resources

Admissions

Immunization Attestation

# BEING A MENTOR MEANS... Starfish



Important messages

**Starfish**

**Math, Writing, and other Tutoring is available to help you succeed, don't be afraid to ask for help.**

College Closed - Presidents' Day: February 19

Spring 2024 registration begins for new students: February 20

Check [ctcLink](#) for your personal enrollment date.

Check out the [Academic Calendar](#) for the list of important dates for the year.

Questions? Reach out to your Success Network! They are here to support you!

Questions about Starfish? Raise Your Hand, reach out to us at [StarfishTeam@pierce.ccc.edu](mailto:StarfishTeam@pierce.ccc.edu), or check out our Student Starfish webpage.

**Dashboard**

Raise Your Hand

**Calendar**

Choose Date:

February 20, 2024

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
18	19	20	21	22	23	24

All Day

**Notifications (0)**

Nice work! You have no active notifications at this time.

# BEING A MENTOR MEANS... Starfish



Important support

Flag Referral To-Do Kudos Message Note Appointment File

Overview Info Success Plans Degree Planner Courses Tracking Meetings Notes Network

Search: Name Connection: All Term: Active Go

Select All Deselect All Email Selected

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# BEING A MENTOR MEANS... Starfish



Important degree info

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## My Associate in Arts - Direct Transfer Agreement (AA-DTA) Plan

Plan Status: Returned  
Program Progress: 58 of 90 credits

Courses Schedule Requirements Approve Print More ▾

+ Add Course Year  Year  Term Add Comment

2022-23

Winter 2023 15 Credits	Spring 2023 15 Credits
CHEM&100 Completed	BIOL&160 Completed
ENGL&101 Completed	ENGL&101 Completed
PSYC&100 Completed	GEOG160 Completed

2023-24

Summer 2023 Fall 2023 Winter 2024 Spring 2024

Select a course to get more details. To change the term a course is in, use the term drop-down or drag and drop.

# PIERCE COLLEGE: COLLEGE SUCCESS – COLLG 110/115

- College Success
  - Requirement for all new students in first quarter
  - *COLLG 110*: College Success (3 credit)
  - *COLLG 115*: Personal and Academic Success (5 credit)
- College Success is designed to prepare students to navigate the college system and enhance opportunities for success
  - Navigating college
  - Career exploration
  - Campus resources
  - Online tools for learning

# PIERCE COLLEGE DEGREES AND PROGRAMS...

Fort Steilacoom, Puyallup, JBLM

In Person, Hybrid, Online classes

## Pierce College Academic Programming

- 8 Direct Transfer Agreement Degrees (includes Major Related Programs (MRP))
- 26 Associate of Applied Science (AAS) and Associate of Applied Science -Transfer (AAS-T) Degrees
- 52 Certificates
- 6 Bachelor of Applied Science Degrees
- 6 [Guided Pathways](#)

## 2020-21 Student Academic Intent

- 64% Transfer Degree
- 25% Professional-Technical Degree or Certificate
- 7% Non-Award Seeking
- 5% Transitional Studies

## Associate Degrees

## Professional/ Technical Degrees

## Programs and Pathway Maps

[Accounting](#)

[Business](#)

[Business Technology \(BTECH\)](#)

[Computer Information Systems](#)

[Computer Network Engineering](#)

[Construction Management](#)

[Criminal Justice](#)

[Dental Hygiene](#)

[Digital Design](#)

[Early Childhood Education](#)

[Emergency Medical Services](#)

[Fire Services Leadership and Management](#)

[Emergency Management \(EM\)](#)

[Kinesiology](#)

[Nursing](#)

[Occupational Safety and Health](#)

[Paraeducation](#)

[Physical Therapist Assistant](#)

[Project Management](#)

[Social Service Mental Health](#)

[Veterinary Technology](#)

# IMPORTANT DATES:

## Fall/Summer Term Registration Opens:

Returning Students May 6, 2024

New students May 20, 2024

## Summer Term Classes Begins:

July 1, 2024

## Fall Term Classes Begins:

September 23, 2024

- **Complete Admissions (Now):**
  - Complete online admissions application for fall 2024
- **Complete Guided Entry Processes** (*watch for your acceptance email*):
  - Complete New Student Guide
  - Complete Guided Self-Placement (GSP) for English (required) and Math placement (*optional if taking math at High School and not completing associate degree*)
  - Complete Intake and Engagement Form
  - Meet with your HS counselor and verify your graduation requirements
    - Counselors will share timeline
    - Review high school completion requirements
    - Complete and sign Enrollment Verification Form (EVF)
- **Get Connected and Registered (April – September)**
  - Schedule an appointment with a student success coach (college advisor)
    - Bring graduation requirements to your appointment
  - Register for your classes and get your books/materials
  - Submit your EVF to the college. It is your payment.



# Do you have to take classes at the High School?

1. Advanced Algebra is the only class you **must** take at the High School.
2. Students **can** take classes at the high school if they **choose** to do so.
3. Student's do not have to take at the high school if they have completed Advanced Algebra.

# Graduation Pathway

Options:

- ☐ **Pass the SBA Math (May 2024) & English (April 2024)**
- ☐ Pass a College level Math 100 and above
- ☐ Pass a College level English 100 and above
- ☐ Students can also take 2 credits of a CTE pathway

# PATHWAYS

<https://www.pierce.ctc.edu/pathways>

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## Career Pathways

### Getting Started on Your Career Path

Whether you know exactly which career you wish to pursue or you're still deciding, Pierce College provides easy-to-use tools to help you explore and set career goals. And, if you change your mind along the way, your Pierce College support network will help you move to a career path that's right for you.

We will help you create a map that shows where you are headed, what academic path you will follow, and how long it will take you to reach the end goal.

Our Career Pathways are designed to simplify choices for you. Courses are grouped together to form clear paths through your college experience and into your career, whether you enter your career directly after graduation or transfer to a university for more study in your chosen field. We offer targeted advising to help you choose a path, stay on the path, learn what you need to know, and graduate.

Exploring yourself and your career options will help you decide what you most want in terms of lifestyle and the type of work that you want to do, so that you can make informed decisions about your Career Pathway and get the most out of your educational journey at Pierce College.

### Explore Career Pathways

Not sure which career path to pursue? [Check out career exploration tools](#) to discover Career Pathways that fit with your interests and skills.



#### [Arts, Humanities, and Communication](#)

Express yourself and choose from a broad range of creative careers with the Arts, Humanities, and Communication career pathway. Careers include social media, acting, teaching, graphic design, communications, journalism and art. Develop cultural awareness and critical thinking skills that will serve you through a lifetime of career mobility.



#### [Business](#)

Prepare to thrive in the ever-changing global economy through the Business career pathway. Careers include accounting, management, entrepreneurship, project management and human resources. Develop skills in communications, inclusiveness, integrity, initiative, ethics and leadership – all critical to success in business.



#### [Education](#)

Ignite young minds and pursue a fulfilling career in teaching through the Education career pathway. This pathway prepares you to teach in early childhood, elementary, and secondary school settings. Choose from options depending on the age group and subjects you wish to teach. Learn to apply your skills and personality to becoming an effective, inspiring educator.



#### [Healthcare](#)

Serve others and choose from dozens of rewarding careers through the Healthcare career pathway. These high-demand careers include nursing, medicine, dental hygiene, medical coding/billing, veterinary technology, physical therapy, fitness training and allied health fields. You'll work in a team-oriented environment, applying your compassion and skills to improve people's lives.



#### [Social and Behavioral Sciences, Public Services](#)

Explore how people think, feel and interact – individually and in society – with the Social and Behavioral Sciences, Public Services career pathway. Choose from an array of people-focused careers, including public service, economics, counseling, social welfare, archaeology, research, law enforcement, politics, government and homeland security. Help serve others while developing a deeper understanding of societal institutions.



#### [STEM](#)

Stay at the forefront of emerging technologies with a high-demand career through the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) career pathway. Careers include biology, chemistry, engineering, mathematics, physics, computer science and astronomy. Develop your intellectual curiosity,

# Check your BHS Email weekly

- Stay informed!!
- Information about your EVF
- This is how your counselor will communicate with you.

# When Can I be on Campus at BHS?

- 10 minutes prior to your BHS Class starting and 10 minutes after.
- For an after school activity, Clubs, Sports
- Career Center Events
- Appointment scheduled with Counselor

# When should I see my BHS Counselor or Contact Pierce?

## **BHS Counselor**

- ❑ After Pierce application and registration is completed AND After Spring Break.
- ❑ Enrollment Verification Form- 2 weeks prior to needing to submit it.
- ❑ Questions about High School graduation requirements.
- ❑ Scheduling classes at BHS

## **Pierce Advisor/CTC Link/Starfish**

- ❑ How to register for classes at Pierce.
- ❑ Associates Degree Planner.
- ❑ Questions about particular courses at Pierce.
- ❑ Payments or Fines at Pierce.
- ❑ Unable to register for classes.
- ❑ Help with creating CTC Link, Starfish Account. (Read your Email)
- ❑ Where to submit the EVF.

Thank you for choosing Pierce College.

# QUESTIONS



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Running Start <https://www.pierce.ctc.edu/rs-get-started>

# Pierce College Info Card and Next Steps

