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Tampa Bay employers salute PTC for qualified graduates

Pinellas Technical College prepares graduates who are not only technically proficient but committed to excellence and eager to contribute to their community's workforce.

These testimonials demonstrate how PTC graduates help businesses grow, adapt, and thrive.

Kenworth shared that their recent hire is “dependable, eager to learn, and doing well on second shift as a technician.”

Sand Pearl Resort stated, “Jose is doing an amazing job with us.”

The Tampa Bay Rays highlighted David Ledee and Ronaldo Ortega-Demis, who

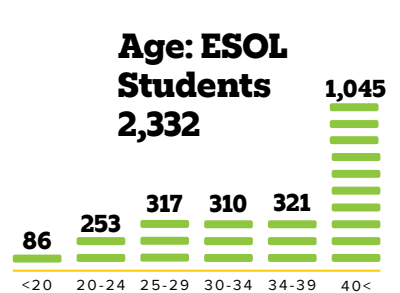
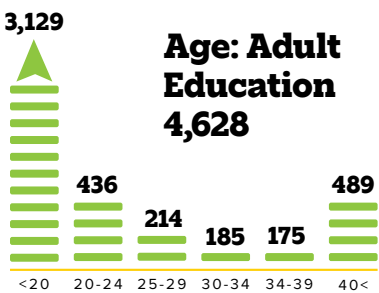
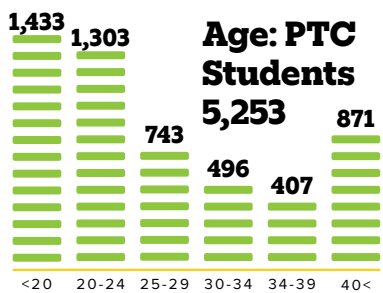
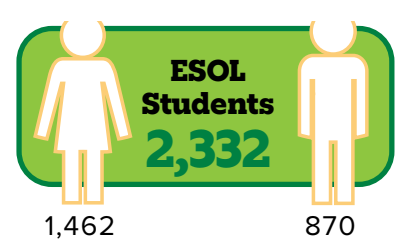
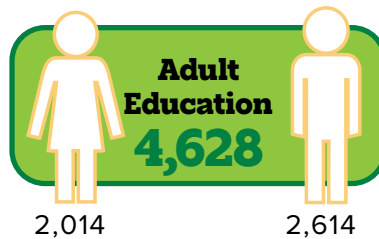
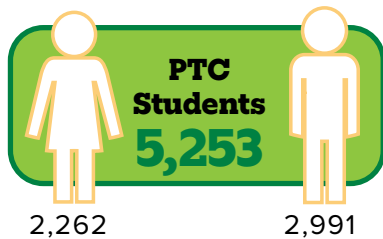
are completing a major 2,000-gallon water heater project with an extensive piping system.

Vermeer Southeast reported their new hires from PTC are progressing well and beginning their Vermeer Core Certification training.

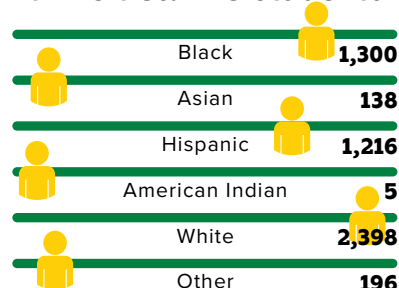
Crown Automotive Group emphasized its long-standing partnership with PTC, often giving preference to PTC students because of their professionalism and strong training.

Rush Truck Centers praised two recent graduates who have been “a great addition” and are rapidly advancing in their careers.

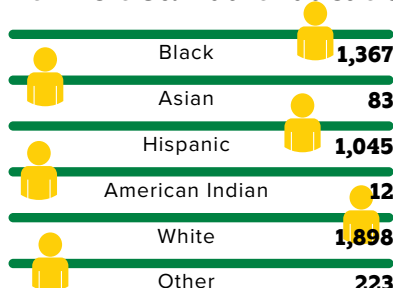
The *City of Pinellas Park* also noted that several employees began their journey through PTC's GED services, which opened doors to fulfilling careers.



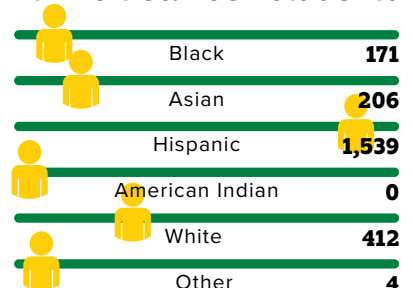
Ethnicities: PTC Students



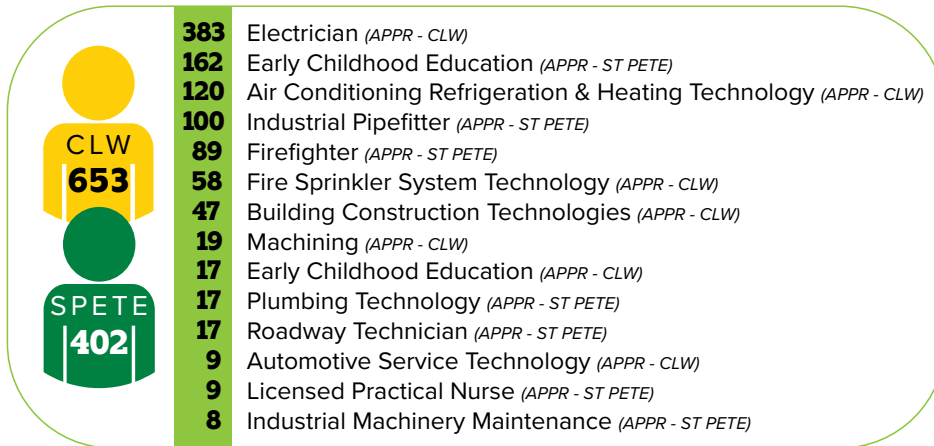
Ethnicities: Adult Education



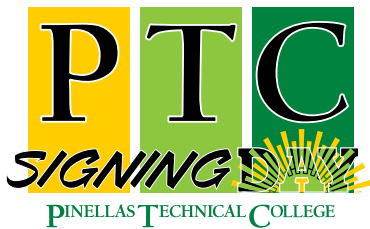
Ethnicities: ESOL Students



Apprenticeships 1,055



PROFESSIONAL CULINARY ARTS & HOSPITALITY



TOTAL
257

CLEARWATER
144

ST. PETERSBURG
113

Students Experience France Firsthand

This year, the Culinary Exchange program united Bridge Across Borders and Pinellas Technical College (PTC) in a vibrant cultural and culinary collaboration. Through monthly virtual master classes led by renowned French Chef Gauthier Teissère, students from both the Clearwater and St. Petersburg campuses immersed themselves in the techniques and traditions of authentic French cuisine. From mastering delicate preparations to recreating classic regional dishes, students sharpened their skills and expanded their culinary horizons. After months of commitment, 10 exceptional students were selected to bring their training to life in France. Representing the St. Petersburg campus, Theresa and Akon earned their spots through outstanding academic performance, excellent attendance, active participation, and a deep dedication to their craft.

Upon arriving in France, students were fully immersed in the heart of French gastronomy. Their mornings were spent working alongside seasoned chefs in local restaurants, preparing fresh and elegant dishes for daily service, while afternoons were dedicated to culinary adventures, from exploring lively fish markets to visiting picturesque farms and connecting with the local food community. Among the unforgettable highlights were tasting oysters by the sea, touring an escargot farm, milking cows at a traditional cheese farm, sampling Normandy's famous apple cider, and hiking the breathtaking cliffs of Étretat. This life-changing experience allowed students not only to refine their culinary expertise but also to embrace the French philosophy that food is more than a meal, it is an art form and a way of life.

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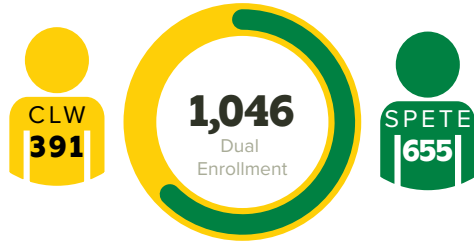
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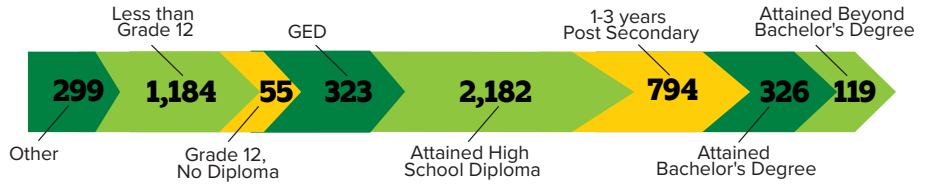
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Educational Attainment - 5,282



Licensure Rates



Graduation Rates



Placement Rates



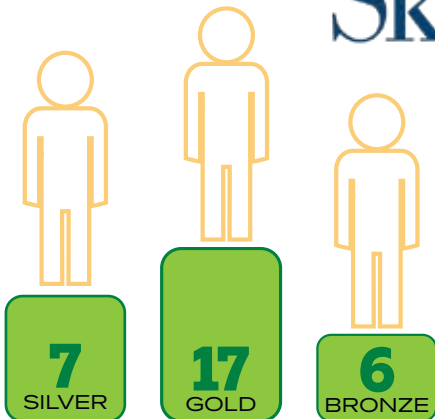
PINELLAS TECHNICAL COLLEGE & BAYCARE'S PRACTICAL NURSING APPRENTICESHIP:

Driving Workforce Development and Retention in the Healthcare Sector

PTC's partnership with BayCare exemplifies its commitment to aligning career technical adult education with the needs of employers. The apprenticeship program launched in August 2024 and concluded its first cohort in October 2025. By combining the strengths of an established healthcare provider and a respected technical college, this initiative blends classroom instruction at PTC with hands-on experience. The result is a pipeline of skilled, career-ready practical nurses.

The apprenticeship model directly addresses upskilling the workforce and employee retention. This is critical given projected employment for Practical Nurses will surpass 42,500 employees by 2034. Through apprenticeship programs, PTC empowers students to earn while they learn, removing barriers that often prevent individuals from advancing their careers.

As a sustainable way to meet staffing demands, the apprenticeship stands out as a model of innovation proving that economies thrive when learning and labor are combined.



SkillsUSA 2025 Medals



JILL OF ALL TRADES:

Empowering the Next Generation of Skilled Women

Teens clad in orange and blue filled the Pinellas Technical College (PTC) Clearwater campus for Jill of All Trades: A Day for Women, a hands-on event designed to introduce young girls to the world of skilled trades. The one-day experience brought together more than 50 middle school students from across Pinellas County to explore high-demand careers in Welding Technology, Electricity, and Master Automotive Service Technology. Guided by PTC instructors and current students, the girls rolled up their sleeves and got a real feel for what it takes to succeed in industries where women currently make up less than 7% of the workforce.

According to the U.S. Department of Education, early exposure to career and technical education (CTE) helps students connect classroom learning to future goals, improving both engagement and graduation rates. Events like Jill of All Trades also play a crucial role in addressing a looming national challenge: the aging skilled trades workforce. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that nearly 25% of the construction and manufacturing workforce is over the age of 55, signaling a potential shortage of experienced tradespeople within the next decade. As older professionals retire, the need for younger, more diverse talent pipelines becomes critical. “If you have just one type of person doing the same thing, you’re probably not going to get a whole lot of new ideas,” said Dr. Jakub Prokop, Director of PTC Clearwater. “This opens up a lot of opportunities, not only for the participants but also for employers to think about how they can better support their communities.”

Through initiatives like Jill of All Trades, PTC and its partners are doing more than introducing girls to new skills—they’re shaping the future of the American workforce. *By empowering young women, PTC is closing gender and generational gaps in the skilled trades.*



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\$77,759,670
Economic Impact
Based on Graduate Average Annual Salary

Program Impact	Economic
Accounting	\$1,413,450
Architectural and Civil Drafters	\$126,820
Auto Collision	\$739,440
Auto Technician	\$3,964,500
Baking and Pastry Arts	\$583,040
Barbering	\$1,639,900
Building Construction APPR	\$282,840
Cabinetmaking	\$491,300
Central Serile Processing	\$323,260
Child Care	\$9,550,170
Commercial Foods/Culinary	\$1,271,900
Commercial Photography	\$328,800
Commercial Vehicle Driving	\$1,722,240
Computer Systems and Info Tech	\$3,008,070
Cosmetology	\$3,893,340
Dental Assting	\$523,050
Diesel Tech	\$2,907,420
Early Childhood Education - APPR	\$1,646,400
Electricity	\$3,456,500
Electricity Apprenticeship	\$3,735,250
Electronic Systems Integration and Automation	\$1,143,120
Emergency Medical Technician	\$1,583,230
Fiberglass Laminators and Fabricators	\$308,490
Fire Fighter Apprentice	\$760,160
Food Preparation Workers	\$960,680
HVAC	\$3,819,800
Industrial Machinery APPR	\$124,920
Information Security Analysis	\$1,279,740
Interior Decorating	\$887,250
Jewelery Making	\$1,041,200
Machining	\$528,000
Marine Tech	\$564,200
Medical Administrative Specialist	\$84,500
Medical Biller/Coder	\$1,090,400
Network Support	\$1,202,880
.NET Application Development and Programming	\$96,800
Pharmacy Tech	\$37,890
Phlebotomy	\$1,276,270
Plumbing	\$709,670
Plumbing APPR	\$873,440
Practical Nursing	\$8,530,500
Public Works	\$3,374,280
Roadway Technician	\$84,660
Stage Production	\$285,600
Surgical Technology	\$486,560
Television Production Technology	\$305,720
Web Development	\$1,543,200
Welding	\$3,168,820