Pierce Nursing Students
Well Prepared To Fill
Statewide Shortage of Registered Nurses

Pierce College Puyallup’s nursing program plays an important role in filling Washington’s statewide shortage of registered nurses. The program has been ranked as one of the top nursing programs in the state, ranked Number 1 by RNCareers.org, and Number 2 by RegisteredNursing.org. Over the past four years, our nursing program has seen an average first-time licensure exam pass rate of 98 percent, allowing students to move into in-demand nursing careers quickly upon graduation.

Pierce College Partners
With Bethel School District to Offer
Innovative Access to Higher Education

Pierce College continues to increase access to higher education in south Pierce County by offering college courses at Graham-Kapowsin and Spanaway Lake High Schools. Courses are open to everyone, including Running Start and adult students. Graham-Kapowsin courses meet in the evenings to accommodate busy school and work schedules. Courses at Spanaway Lake take place during the day, with a schedule that is conveniently aligned with the high school to provide maximum flexibility for students and community members who live or work nearby.

Guided Pathways Help
Raise Graduation Rates

Pierce College is making great strides in breaking down barriers that stand in the way of student success. The college district redesigned the entire student experience from start-to-finish, providing them with the tools and support they need to succeed. Pierce College has adopted Guided Pathways, an evidence-based approach that simplifies career choices, directs students into a comprehensive field of study based on their interests, and keeps students on track through intensive advising, mentoring and integration of milestones that guide their progress. Thanks in part to this work, Pierce College District has seen a 104 percent increase in graduation rates over eight years.