PIERCCE COLLEGE FORT STEILACOOM — ONE OF THE PIERCE COLLEGES

KEY FACTS (DATA FROM 2020-2021 ACADEMIC YEAR REFLECTS HEADCOUNT UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.)

Year Founded 1967

Service Area Pierce County

Legislative District 28, 29

Highest Enrolled Programs
- Academic Transfer AA
- Biology DTA/MRP*
- Business DTA/MRP
- Nursing AAS & Pre-Nursing DTA/MRP
- Science Transfer AS

*Direct Transfer Agreement/Major Related Program

Enrollment*

Headcount (all sources) 13,520
FTES (all sources) 7,502

Headcount (state-funded) 8,991
FTES (state-funded) 3,982

Students in Selected Programs*

Applied bachelor’s 252
I-BEST 112
International 227
Running Start 2,268
Worker Retraining 194

*Data reflects the Pierce College District.

STUDENT PROFILE*

Type of Student

58% academic/transfer
23% workforce education
12% other
6% basic skills

Attendance

57% full-time
43% part-time

Race/Ethnicity**

Am. Indian/Alaska Native 4%
Asian 15%
Black/African American 15%
Hispanic/Latino 20%
Pacific Islander 4%
White 67%

Gender

Female 65%
Male 35%

Median Age: 21

Family and Finances

Students receiving need-based financial aid in eligible programs 37%
Students with dependents 39%

** May not add up to 100% because students may be counted in more than one race. Percentages calculated on reported value.

POINTS OF INTEREST

Approved to offer 6 Bachelor of Applied Science Degrees

Pierce College currently offers five Bachelor of Applied Science degrees, with one more pending approval by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities: Dental Hygiene, P-3 Teaching, Homeland Security Emergency Management, Applied Business Management and Fire Services Leadership and Management. Starting fall 2022, Pierce will also offer a BAS in Construction Management. These degrees are an important part of our Guided Pathways movement, providing students with comprehensive program maps to equip them with the skills to succeed in their chosen career.

Leading College for Military Affiliated Students

Pierce College at Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM) delivers university transfer and professional-technical pathways to active-duty military, reserves, veterans and families, with flexible policies to help them succeed. Our use of open educational resources has saved students $3 million since 2015. The college is also a leader in Veterans Industry Education 25, a partnership between community and technical colleges, state agencies, and the armed forces, offering transitioning service members education to prepare for Washington’s most in-demand industries. As a result of our service to veterans, Pierce College was ranked the No. 1 community college in the nation for veterans — and top college overall in the Northwest by the Military Times.

Focused on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

Equity, diversity and inclusion is a priority in all we do and is key to our mission at Pierce College. We are committed to being an anti-racist institution by deliberately working to eliminate obstacles that have prevented the most promising and capable students from entering and thriving in college. We continue to dismantle barriers to student achievement, with a special emphasis on historically marginalized populations. We work hard to ensure every student at Pierce College feels valued, respected and inspired to achieve their goals.