Welcome to TCC!

Tacoma Community College provides a dynamic learning environment that is recognized for student success, academic excellence and quality instruction.

Students who enroll at the college enjoy intimate class sizes, diverse classmates and highly qualified professors. Of TCC’s 136 full-time faculty, 79 hold master’s degrees and 40 hold doctorates.

TCC students interact with students from local and international backgrounds, and have opportunities to participate in a variety of sports, clubs and activities. The college also offers strong student support services to help ensure student success.

Mission
TCC creates meaningful and relevant learning, inspires greater equity, and celebrates success in our lives and our communities.

Vision
Tacoma Community College is recognized as a spirited leader in emphasizing and documenting student learning. We are known for our commitment to innovation and excellence, our inclusive internal and external community, and our technology integration. We achieve this through the collective dedication and recognition of our college family and the generous support of our community.

2014-18 Strategic Plan Core Themes
- Create Learning
- Achieve Equity
- Engage Community
- Embrace Discovery

Campus view from the bridge near the Japanese Friendship Garden.
Values
The college promotes student success by embracing core values of:

- Integrity
- Leadership
- Trust
- Excellence
- Innovation
- Access
- Responsibility
- Diversity
- Mutual Respect
- Collegiality

Educational Options
Since 1965, we’ve supported more than 500,000 students in discovering their passion and preparing for fulfilling careers. Students can pursue degrees or receive career training for affordable tuition at convenient locations during the day, evenings, weekends or online. Students can choose:

- **College Transfer** (page 41)
  TCC offers several Associate degrees to help you reach for your bachelor’s degree. Each degree is directly transferable to most four-year colleges and institutions in Washington state.

- **Career Training** (page 66)
  TCC’s certificate and degree programs provide training for high demand careers in business, health and professional services.

- **Transitional Studies** (page 102)
  These programs help students improve their basic reading, writing and math skills, earn a high school diploma or IBEST job-ready certificate, or study English for Academic Purposes (EAP).

- **Continuing Education** (page 113)
  TCC provides customized training services to businesses and classes to meet individual needs for improved job skills, employment certification, or personal enrichment.

TCC is a Smart Investment
While the cost of attending four-year colleges and universities is beyond the reach of many students, tuition at Tacoma Community College remains affordable, and TCC academic credits will transfer to most four-year colleges and universities.

TCC offers a variety of financial aid packages to help students reach their educational goals. In 2014-2015, the average TCC award— including grants, loans, work study employment and scholarships—was $5,927. Students received $1.6 million in scholarships.

TCC’s Financial Aid office offers limited work study jobs to eligible students, and the TCC Career Center posts new jobs each month and offers job search services to students.

Small class sizes in two main locations (Tacoma and Gig Harbor).
Student Support Services

TCC offers comprehensive student support services to help ensure student success. See page 18.

Student Life/Programs

The TCC student experience continues outside of the classroom. The Office of Student Engagement (OSE) empowers students to learn and succeed through relevant and comprehensive leadership development training, multicultural programming, student government, as well as student-led clubs and organizations. Each student has the opportunity to contribute to an involved and equitable campus culture.

Meet our Students

The diverse student body is one of Tacoma Community College’s greatest strengths. Students of color comprise 41 percent of all TCC students. TCC also hosts nearly 400 international students each quarter, whose global perspectives enhance the TCC experience. Whether teenagers or members of the over-50 population, students are likely to find classmates like them in their TCC courses.
Accreditation

Tacoma Community College is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, 8060 165th Avenue NE, Suite 100, Redmond, WA 98052. Specialized curriculum accreditation recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and/or the U.S. Department of Education include the following:

- TCC’s Nursing, Associate Degree program is approved by the Washington State Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission and is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) formerly NLNAC, 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, Georgia, 30326.

- TCC’s Health Information Management program is accredited by the Commission on the Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM).

- TCC’s Respiratory Therapy program is accredited by the Committee on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC).

- TCC’s EMT-Paramedic program is accredited by the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the EMS Professions (CoAEMSP) in collaboration with the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP).

- TCC’s Radiologic Sciences program is accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT).

- TCC’s Paralegal program is approved by the American Bar Association.

- TCC’s Diagnostic Medical Sonography program is accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Diagnostic Medical Sonography.
The College Campuses

Tacoma Community College is a comprehensive state-supported institution serving more than 720,000 residents of the Tacoma-Pierce County area. The college’s service district includes all of Tacoma and the Pierce County portion of the Olympic Peninsula and serves the Tacoma and Peninsula School Districts. TCC is one of 34 community and technical colleges in a statewide system.

Tacoma Campus
6501 South 19th Street, Tacoma  253.566.5001
Located on a 150-acre site in west Tacoma, the Tacoma Campus houses 31 buildings including a computer center, learning resource center, art gallery, gymnasium, student center, children’s center, auditorium and bookstore. The Tacoma-Pierce County area, located on Puget Sound between the Cascade and Olympic mountain ranges, offers residents and visitors a wealth of cultural and recreational opportunities. The city of Seattle is located 35 miles north of Tacoma.

Gig Harbor Campus
3993 Hunt Street, Gig Harbor  253.460.2424
Located in a 13,000-square-foot facility, the Gig Harbor Campus provides educational services to residents and organizations in Gig Harbor and throughout the Peninsula. The Gig Harbor Campus also hosts community events throughout the year.

The Gig Harbor Campus offers courses for credit toward an associate degree, career training and Worker Retraining programs, adult basic skills, and personal interest classes. Classes are available at day, evening and weekend times. Services available to Gig Harbor students include registration, assessment, advising, career exploration, and cashiering. Students have internet access through campus labs, laptops for in-building checkout, and can use the online library to order materials from the Tacoma campus.

All classes required for the Associate in Arts transfer degree are offered at the Gig Harbor Campus, in morning and evening schedules. Students may fulfill requirements for other certificates and degrees by taking combinations of classes at the Gig Harbor Campus and online. In addition a variety of other classes are offered which fulfill prerequisites for other programs.

TCC’s Gig Harbor Campus offers a variety of non-credit personal interest and job and career training classes. These range from art, fitness, and digital photography classes to gardening seminars and senior programs. Courses in computer basics and emerging technology are offered in computer labs, on laptops and mobile devices.
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**Winter Quarter**
- **Jan. 3**: Classes begin
- **Jan. 16**: MLK Day

**Spring Quarter**
- **Apr. 3**: Classes begin
- **Apr. 21**: Spring PDD

**Summer Quarter**
- **June 20**: Classes begin

**Fall Quarter**
- **Sept. 14-16**: Professional Development Days
- **Sept. 19**: Classes begin

**Fall Quarter**
- **Oct. 18**: Educational Planning Day*
- **Oct. 31**: Registration Opens**

**Winter Quarter**
- **Jan. 3**: Classes begin
- **Jan. 18**: MLK Day

**Spring Quarter**
- **Apr. 3**: Classes begin
- **Apr. 21**: Spring PDD

**Summer Quarter**
- **June 20**: Classes begin

**Legend**
- **Day/Evening Classes Begin**
- **Registration Opens**
- **Holiday (no class)**
- **Educational Planning Day**
- **Final Exams and Grading**
- **Prof. Development Day (PDD)**

* Classes starting at 3pm or later will be conducted on Educational Planning Days
** Registration opens for currently enrolled students