WELCOME TO THE WORKFORCE EDUCATION FALL QUARTER NEWSLETTER

>>> Save the Date! Fall 2025 Community Resource Fair



The TCC Workforce Education department hosted three on-campus Community Resource Fairs, which were a tremendous success! Students had the opportunity to connect with a wide range of community organizations, fostering meaningful conversations and valuable relationships. Both students and community partners appreciated the chance to engage in person and build strong connections.

Building on this momentum, we're excited to announce the upcoming Fall 2025 Community Resource Fair, continuing our commitment to linking students with essential community resources and support networks.

Join us on Wednesday, October 8th, from 10am to 2pm.

Mark your calendars & Register Here: FALL 2025 CRF VENDOR REGISTRATION



354 WORKFORCE STUDENTS GRADUATED In 2024-2025 School Year!

Includes Certificates, Associate's and Bachelor's degrees!



>>> TCC is enrolling for FALL Quarter NOW!

Now is the perfect time for your clients to register and take advantage of educational opportunities at Tacoma Community College. Whether they're just getting started or returning to continue their journey, TCC is here to help every step of the way.

<u>TCC Welcome Center</u> located in **Building 8 on campus**, is a one-stop shop where potential and new students can get help with getting started at TCC.

The **Workforce Education Department** is also a great first step for students seeking support throughout the enrollment process.

>>> Career Boost Events

In collaboration with Career Team, our WorkSource Pierce community partner, TCC periodically offers Career Boost Events on campus to learn more about in demand career fields and the TCC programs that lead to them!

Watch for upcoming opportunities here: Check out the WorkSource calendar for upcoming Career Boost events!

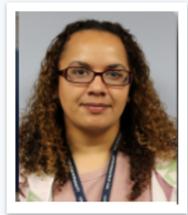
>>> Explore what TCC has to offer!

TCC offers a wide range of opportunities, including certificate programs, associate's degrees, and bachelor's degrees, all designed to support career and educational goals. Check out TCC Programs

>>> Embracing the Challenge — Natasha's Path Beyond Comfort Zones

After nearly 20 years in Early Childhood Education, Natasha Walton knew it was time for a change, a challenge that would push her beyond her comfort zone and open the door to new possibilities. That decision led her to make a bold leap into an entirely different field: Information Technology. With no prior experience, she enrolled in TCC's Networking and Cybersecurity program, ready to start from scratch and embrace the unknown.

The transition wasn't easy. As a full-time student and single parent, Natasha had to juggle coursework, family responsibilities, and financial pressures. Still, she remained focused and made full use of the support systems around her. She credits TCC's Workforce Education department as a major part of her success, providing work-study opportunities, mentorship, and



guidance in navigating public assistance programs. She also points to the mentorship of Adam Meyers and Jena McNeley as pivotal. Their support, guidance, and encouragement made a significant impact throughout her journey. Both went above and beyond to ensure she had the resources and confidence she needed, and she remains deeply grateful for their mentorship.

Today, Natasha works as an Audiovisual Specialist in TCC's IT department, applying the technical skills and hands-on training she gained through the program. Along the way, she developed critical thinking, problem-solving, and communication skills that continue to serve her well on the job.

Natasha's journey didn't end with landing a job. She's now pursuing a bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a focus on IT Management, aiming to become a project manager in the tech industry. Each milestone has strengthened her confidence and broadened her sense of what's possible.

To students new to IT, she offers this advice: "Embrace the challenge and never being afraid to ask questions. IT can be overwhelming at first, especially if you're starting with little to no experience, but persistence and hands-on practice are key. Take advantage of every resource available—work-study opportunities, mentorship, and workforce programs can make a huge difference. Stay curious, keep learning, and don't be discouraged by setbacks. The IT field is constantly evolving, and with dedication and hard work, you'll find success and rewarding opportunities."

Congratulations, Natasha, on all you've accomplished and the challenges you've overcome. Your journey is an inspiration, keep going strong!

>>> Information Sessions

TCC's Information Systems program curriculum provides the technical skills and knowledge for students who plan to enter the field of information security. Information Systems serves a fast-growing industry that focuses on technical skills, database administration, and networking and cybersecurity. If clients enjoy identifying patterns, analyzing complex data sets, and approaching problems in a systematic and logical way, these programs might be right for them. This pathway offers certificate, associate's and bachelor's degree options.

Click here to learn more about the Technology Pathway and attend an information session.

FUNDING APPLICATION WORKSHOPS

for Fall Quarter are shown below Students can scan QR code or visit our website to sign up!

Zoom: Mondays 10:00am

In-person: Tuesdays 2:00pm & Wednesdays 10:00am

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Enroll now for the Fall 2025 quarter! Fall Quarter Starts on Monday September 22nd, 2025

>>> WORKFORCE HAS FIVE FUNDING PROGRAMS

- Basic Food Employment & Training Grant
 - WorkFirstGrant
 - Worker Retraining Grant
 - Opportunity Grant
 - Early Achievers Grant

Would you like a presentation for your staff or customers?

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