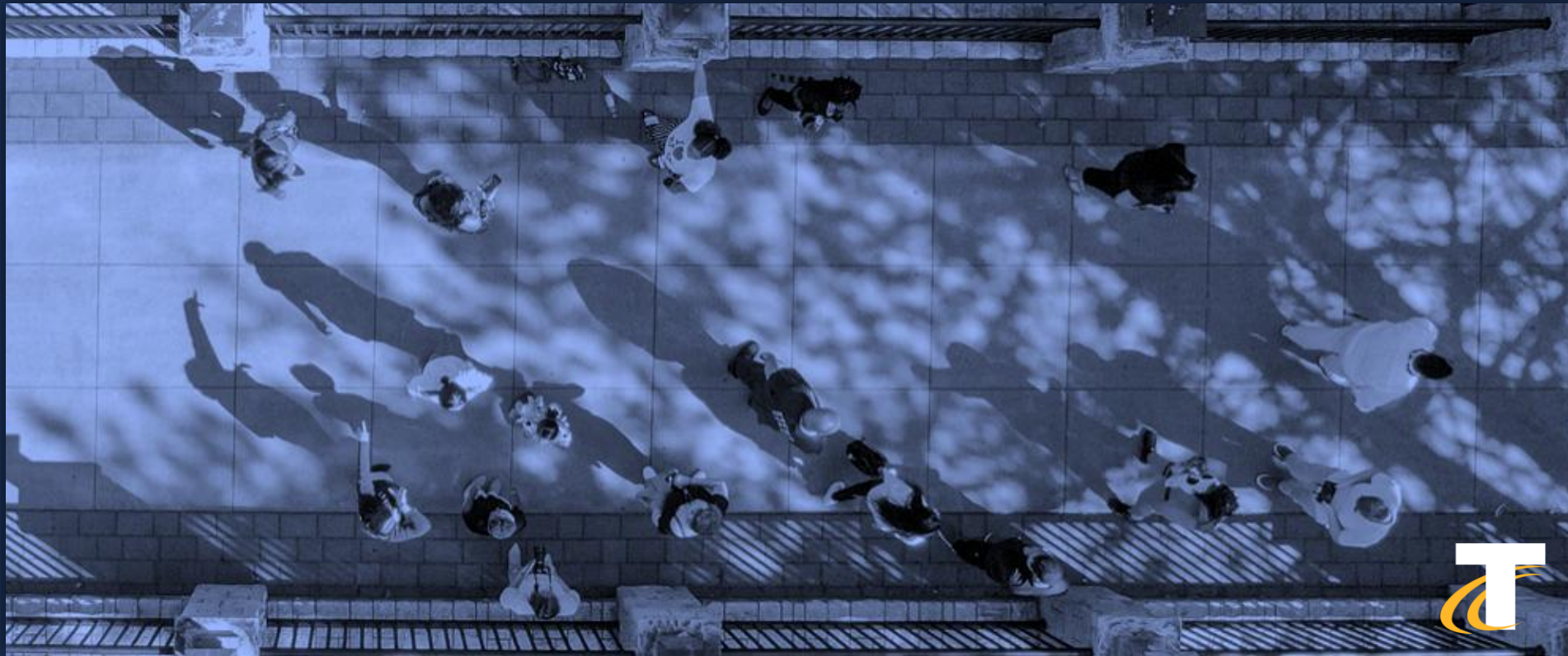


# Workforce Grants & Application Workshop

Workforce Education Department  
Building 19- Room 70  
Phone:253-566-5188  
[tccworkforce@tacomacc.edu](mailto:tccworkforce@tacomacc.edu)  
[tacomacc.edu/workforce](http://tacomacc.edu/workforce)



# Today's Agenda

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- **Overview of Workforce Programs**

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- **Complete & Submit Workforce Intake Application**

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- **Review Workforce Student Checklist**

# Meet Our Team



Tamara Piñero, Front Desk Manager



Jena McNeley, Financial Aid Specialist



Loretta Newcomer, Program Specialist

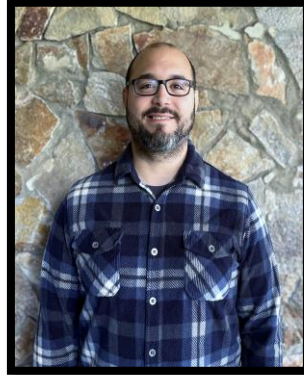


Shine Lee, Administrative Assistant

# Meet Our Navigators



**Chanry Yann**  
Business, Paralegal, Technology



**Dail Rodriguez**  
Healthcare (Students last name A- R )



**Tuyen Huynh**  
Healthcare (Students last name S-Z),  
Transfer, Basic Education for Adults,  
English Language Acquisition



**Marisa Mezs**  
Early Childhood Education,  
Human Services, Bachelor Programs



**Adam Meyers- Lead Navigator**



**Lorrie Ann- Lead Resource & Outreach Navigator**



**Pwint KoKo- Lead Navigator**

# Meet Our On-Campus Community Partners



**Career Team:** Meet with Audrey for assistance with job search, employment, training resources, and connections to WIOA programs, and other resources.



**Northwest Education Access:** Meet with Haley to explore educational supports and connect with a NWEa Advocate who can provide guidance and resources tailored to your needs.



**United Way- Financial Coach:** Meet with Charisma to plan your financial future, focusing on budgeting, expense management, credit building, and savings strategies.

[Community Partners On-Campus](#)

# Workforce Education Grants Overview

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WorkFirst

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Basic Food Employment &  
Training (BFET)

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Worker Retraining

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Opportunity Grant

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Early Achievers

# WorkFirst Eligibility Requirements

Must Be a Temporary Aid to  
Needy Families (TANF) Recipient

Must Be Referred from a  
Department of Social and Health  
Services (DSHS) Case Manager

Report Weekly Attendance  
in Canvas

**Workfirst can assist with Professional- Technical  
Degrees, Certificates, Specific Academic Transfer  
Programs, and BAS!**

# Basic Food Employment & Training (BFET) Eligibility Requirements



Must be Receiving Supplemental  
Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)



CANNOT BE RECEIVING TANF



MONTHLY CHECK-INS AND  
ANNUAL UPDATE OF INDIVIDUAL  
EMPLOYMENT PLAN (IEP) ARE  
REQUIRED

**BFET can assist with Professional- Technical Degrees,  
Certificates, and specific Academic Transfer Programs!**

# Worker Retraining Eligibility Requirements

**Currently Collecting Unemployment**

**Collected Unemployment in the Last 4 Years**

**Discharged from Military Service in the Last 4 Years**

**Closed a State-licensed Business within the Last 4 Years**

**Became a Displaced Homemaker in the Last 4 Years and are Low-Income**

**Worker in Need of Skills Upgrade**

# Opportunity Grant Eligibility Requirements

Must be a  
Washington State  
Resident  
& Enrolled in a  
Professional  
Technical Training  
Program

200 % of  
Federal  
Poverty Level  
2025

Household  
Monthly  
Income

Household of 1

\$2660.00

Household of 2

\$3606.67

Household of 3

\$4553.33

Household of 4

\$5500.00

Household of 5

\$6446.67

Household of 6

\$7393.33

# Early Achievers Grant (EAG) Eligibility Requirements

## Early Childhood Education Program only

<p><b>Employed at an Early Achievers Participating Facility.</b></p>	<p><b>Employed in an eligible role for 3 months prior to the start of the quarter</b></p> <p><b>Eligible Roles:</b> Family Home Owner/Licensee, Center Director, Assistant Director, Program Supervisor, Lead Teacher, Assistant Teacher</p>	<p><b>Minimum of 10 hours per week or 40 hours per month</b></p>
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**Quarterly Employment is verified in MERIT.**

# Workforce funds may assist with:



**Tuition**



**Fees**

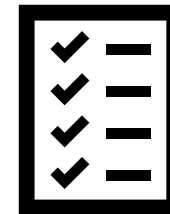


**Books**

**Grants are for start-up, gap filling, and dependent on budget**

# Workforce Education Grants

## Summary of Key Points



- ✓ **Not full-degree funding:** Workforce grants help *start* programs or *fill gaps* (e.g., tuition/textbooks), not cover entire degrees.
- ✓ **Case-by-Case:** Assistance is provided based on *available funds*, *demonstrated need*, and *alignment with program priorities*.
- ✓ **Student-driven requests:** Funding is *not automatic*. Students must submit Quarterly Funding Request Form each quarter.



**Meeting the eligibility criteria does not guarantee funding every quarter.**

# Programs of Study Supported by Workforce

[tacomacc.edu/help/ineedskillstofindaprofessionalcareer](http://tacomacc.edu/help/ineedskillstofindaprofessionalcareer)

## Information Sessions



### Business, Paralegal, Technology Pathways

- Accounting
- Business
- Network and Cyber Security
- Paralegal



### Healthcare Pathways

- Allied Health
- Nursing
- Diagnostic Medical Sonography
- Radiologic Science
- Respiratory Therapy
- Emergency Medical & Health Services
- Health Information Technology, Medical Billing Specialist, Medical Scribe Certificates



### Education & Human Services Pathways

- Early Childhood Education
- Human Services, Substance Use Disorder Professional Certificate



WorkFirst and BFET Grants can help with specific academic transfer programs such as Business DTA, Computer Science, and more. [tacomacc.edu/help/transfertocollege](http://tacomacc.edu/help/transfertocollege)

WorkFirst, Worker Retraining Grant, and the Opportunity Grant may support selective BAS programs.


# Attend an Information Session to learn more about programs!

**Business, Paralegal & Technology**


**When:**  
Every 1st Thursday @ 3:30 pm (Zoom) &  
3rd Thursday @ 11:30 am (Bldg. 16 Rm 210)

**Information Sessions**

ACCOUNTING  
BUSINESS  
HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
INFORMATION SYSTEMS  
PARALEGAL



Scan to join zoom or save link:



[tacomacc.edu/bus-para-tech](https://tacomacc.edu/bus-para-tech)



**HEALTHCARE PATHWAY INFORMATION SESSIONS**

**Join Us**

Healthcare Pathway information sessions provide an overview of our healthcare programs, including Community Health, Emergency Medical Services, Imaging Sciences, Nursing and Respiratory Therapy. You'll be provided with guidance on admissions requirements, application processes, and how to get started in the pathway. We'll also cover important timelines, funding options, and essential resources to support you throughout your journey.



**Sign Up Here!**

**Sessions offered monthly!**

Offered both in-person and virtually to meet you where you are at!

[tacomacc.edu/healthcareers](https://tacomacc.edu/healthcareers)

Whether you are a new student inquiring about a career in healthcare, business, technology, or are already enrolled at TCC and looking to change pathways, attending a Pathways Information Session is your chance to learn more about the programs we offer. [Information Sessions](#)

# Workforce Education also Supports

- **Basic Education for Adults (BEaA) & English Language Acquisition (ELA)**  
[tacomacc.edu/academics-programs/basic-education/](http://tacomacc.edu/academics-programs/basic-education/)

High School Completion  
Programs

Adult Basic Education  
Classes

English Language  
Acquisition

- **Learning Communities:** In Learning Communities, two or more of your classes are joined into one, and teachers work together to connect their content and support and mentor you.

**Allied Health Exploration:** An introduction to the delivery of healthcare services and explore the various Allied Health professions while strategizing and sharing successful strategies for the college classroom, clinical environment, and taking care of your own emotional and physical wellbeing.

**Career and College Pathway Academy (CCPA) :** Helps students with career exploration and allows them to get college credit in required classes while still completing prerequisites.

# Financial Aid

All Workforce Students Must Complete FAFSA or WASFA Each Year.

## FAFSA/WASFA

**FAFSA**- Free Application for Federal Student Aid

**WASFA**- Washington Application for State Financial Aid

**FAFSA & WASFA Completion Assistance:**

**Khushnum Sauna**  
253-722-3429  
[ksauna@mdc-hope.org](mailto:ksauna@mdc-hope.org)

## FAFSA/WASFA Tips

**Complete NOW**

Submission is only complete once:

- ✓ FAFSA/WASFA is submitted
- ✓ You've applied to TCC
- ✓ All requested documents are turned in

## Helpful Hints

Visit **TCC Financial Aid website for updates**  
[TCC Financial Aid Page](#)

**Self- enroll in Financial Aid and Planning Canvas Course**

**Check Your Student Email Regularly**

**Monitor your ctcLink, "To Do" list**

**Complete any requested documents promptly**

## Keep in mind

**Grants** : Free money; no repayment if you maintain academic progress.

**Scholarships**: Free money; based on merit, need, talent, or field of study.

**Federal/State Work-study**: Earn aid through part-time work; limited availability.

**Loans**: Must be repaid with interest.

# Student Resources

The links below connect you to academic tools, life resources, student events, and more—including guides for ctcLink, Canvas, TCC email, and other online systems.



[TCC On- Campus Help](#)

[Life Resource- Self Enroll Canvas Course](#)

[The Center for Student Advocacy & Cultural support](#)



[TCC Career Center](#)

[WorkSource Pierce](#)



[Workforce Resources Page](#)

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