Workforce Grants & Application Workshop

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Today's Agenda

1. • Overview of Workforce Programs
2. • Complete & Submit Workforce Intake Application
3. • Review Workforce Student Checklist

Meet Our Team



Tamara Piñero, Front Desk Manager



Jena McNeley, Financial Aid Specialist



Daniela Luengas Salcedo, Program Specialist

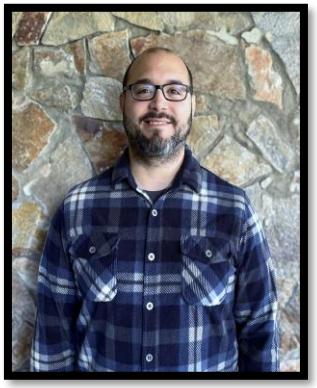


Shine Lee, Administrative Assistant

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 NWEdA 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

- WorkFirst
- Basic Food Employment & Training (BFET)
- Worker Retraining
- Opportunity Grant
- 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, and Bachelor Programs!

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 2026

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

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/professional-technical-programs

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

WorkFirst, Worker Retraining Grant, and the Opportunity Grant may support selective Bachelor Programs.

Attend an Information Session to learn more about programs!



tacomacc.edu/bus-para-tech



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 (BEdA) & English Language Acquisition (ELA)**
  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.

  Empower yourself to Reach Your Goals (BPT Pathway): Examine business themes as you read, research and write for ENGL&101. Refine skills for college and career success

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

Fall Drop- Ins: The Center

Help With Financial Aid Application

Scholarship Opportunities and More

Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the Month from 12-2pm Building 11: The Center

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

Community Partners On-Campus

Job & Career Connection Weekly Series



Next Steps

1. To Become a Workforce Student
2. Complete the Workforce Intake Application
3. Complete the Workforce Student Checklist
4. Check in with your Workforce Navigator

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