PCSC
PIERCE COUNTY SKILLS CENTER

YOUR FUTURE,
OUR FOCUS

PCSC Mission
The Pierce County Skills Center is committed to providing rigorous technical and professional experiences that prepare students for high demand, high wage jobs and post secondary education.

Entrance Requirements
PCSC currently serves high school students, ages 16-20, from one of our member districts and, space permitting, Pierce County students with their GED, home school, and private school students also ages 16-20. Certain programs may have specific entrance requirements. Students interested in attending PCSC should meet with their school counselor, complete an application, and return it to PCSC.

Tuition & Fees
All programs at PCSC are tuition free. Programs may have material/supply fees associated with the course.

Second Year Program Options
Several PCSC programs allow for highly-motivated students to attend for a second year in order to acquire more in-depth knowledge in the field of study. Instructor permission is required. Students may also attend PCSC for a second year in a different program.

Member Districts
Bethel • Eatonville • Fife • Franklin Pierce • Orting • Steilacoom • Sumner • Tacoma • University Place • White River

College Partners
Bates Technical College • Clover Park Technical College • DigiPen Institute of Technology • Pierce College

Questions? Contact Us!
Please contact PCSC if you have any questions. We would be happy to schedule a campus tour, arrange a program visit, and answer any questions you may have regarding our programs or enrollment.

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**Aerospace Composites**

The Aerospace Composites program is designed to prepare students to fabricate, assemble and repair composite materials. Students design, build and repair composite parts and assemblies using the same techniques as our industry partners. Students also earn a locally-developed Manufacturing Certificate. Program fees apply. Year 2 option available.

**Dual Credit:** Up to 13 credits

**Certifications:** First Aid/CPR, OSHA 10, Pre-Apprenticeship Certificate

**Credit Equivalency:** Technical/3rd Yr Math - 1.5, CTE/Elective - 3.0 (Per Year)

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**Cosmetology - Off Site**

The Cosmetology program, located at Clover Park Technical College, is designed to train students in haircutting, current styling trends, hair coloring and safety & sanitation in a hair salon setting. Students will learn to prepare and maintain a healthy environment to promote health and safety. Students will also complete a practical exam. Successful completion of the program in July before their senior year through the next August after graduation and will earn the 1,400 hours (5 quarters) of instruction required to take the state licensing examination. Students may also attend Clover Park Technical College for an additional two quarters to earn an Associates Degree. Students attend class in the evenings and must provide their own transportation. Program fees apply. Program Requirement: Students must be a senior at the time of enrollment.

**Dual Credit:** Up to 99 credits

**Certifications:** First Aid/CPR, WA State Cosmetology License

**Credit Equivalency:** Chemistry-Other - 1.5, CTE/Elective - 3.0 (Per Year)

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**Criminal Justice**

The Criminal Justice program is designed to prepare students with preliminary training for careers in law enforcement. Upon completion of this program, students will have a working knowledge of criminal law, policing procedures, forensics, and their application to various divisions of the criminal justice system. Program Requirement: Must be able to pass a criminal background check.

**Dual Credit:** Up to 17 credits

**Certifications:** FEMA ICS 100, 200, & 700, First Aid/CPR

**Credit Equivalency:** Fitness & Conditioning Activities - 1.5, CWI or CCW - 1.5, CTE/Elective - 1.5 (Per Year)

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**Culinary Arts**

The Culinary Arts program is designed to prepare students for a promising career in the food service or hospitality industry. Students learn kitchen procedures, sanitation and safety, menu planning and costing, dining room service, baking/food preparation, and banquet and catering service taught by industry professionals in a state-of-the-art facility. Students will also assist in the operation of our on-site cafe, The Glacier Grill. Program fees apply. Year 2 option available.

**Dual Credit:** Up to 17 credits

**Certifications:** WA State Food Handlers Permit, National ServSafe

**Credit Equivalency:** Creative Arts-Sculpture - 1.0, CTE/Elective - 3.5 (Per Year)

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**DIGIPEN Video Game Development**

The DIGIPEN Video Game Development program is designed to teach students to create video games using trigonometry and higher math, computer programming in C#, as well as, 2D and 3D animation. The course will prepare students with the skills necessary for the video game industry's need for qualified video game programmers and artists. Program Requirement: Year 2 option available. Prerequisite: Successful completion of Algebra I

**Dual Credit:** Up to 5 credits - Students will also take the AP Computer Science Principles exam

**Credit Equivalency:** Technical/3rd Yr Math - 1.5, CTE/Elective - 3.0 (Per Year)

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**Fire Science & Emergency Services**

The Fire Science & Emergency Services program is designed to prepare students for a career as a firefighter and other emergency services careers such as, EMT, fire investigator, and building inspector. Students will learn the academic requirements associated with being a firefighter. Students will use industry firefighting equipment such as hoses, turnout gear, SCBAs, and a working fire engine. Program fees apply. Year 2 option available.

**Dual Credit:** Up to 17 credits

**Certifications:** First Aid/CPR, Incident Command Systems (multiple certifications)

**Credit Equivalency:** Fitness & Conditioning Activities - 1.5, CTE/Elective - 3.0 (Per Year)

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**ITS & Cybersecurity**

The Information Technology Services (ITS) & Cybersecurity program is designed to provide students with a broad understanding of the installation, troubleshooting and management of computers, hardware, and applications, as well as cybersecurity principles, and an understanding of industry standards. Students will also learn cybersecurity fundamentals and automation for factories using Programmable Logic Controllers (PLCs). Program fees apply. Year 2 option available.

**Dual Credit:** Up to 18 credits

**Certifications:** A+ Network+, Security+, PC Pro, MCE (Testing fees may apply)

**Credit Equivalency:** Technical/3rd Yr Math - 1.5, CTE/Elective - 3.0 (Per Year)

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**Medical Careers (NA-C)**

The Medical Careers program is designed to prepare students for initial certification as a Nursing Assistant (NA-C), as well as, continued training in nursing. Students will spend time in the classroom and in an assisted living facility learning the procedures required for patient care including: taking blood pressure, temperatures, and pulse and respiration rates. Students will also learn how to bathe, groom, feed, lift, exercise, and position patients. Private transportation required for clinics. Program fees apply. Program Requirement: Must be a senior and pass a criminal background check. Prerequisite: Successful completion of Biology or other related science class.

**Dual Credit:** Up to 24 credits

**Certifications:** First Aid/CPR, Nursing Assistant Certification, WA State MV/4AIDS Training Program

**Credit Equivalency:** Health - 1.5, Biology-Other - 1.5, CTE/Elective - 1.5 (Per Year)

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**Pre-Pharmacy Technology**

The Pre-Pharmacy Technology program introduces students to the skills necessary for entry level positions in retail, hospital, or mail-order pharmacies. Students will learn how to process prescriptions, prepare IV medications, order and stock medications, as well as, operate and troubleshoot automated drug dispensing systems. Students will also learn about diseases, medication therapy, and Anatomy & Physiology. This program will provide a foundation for students who want to pursue a career as a pharmacy technician or pharmacist. Program fees apply. Prerequisite: Successful completion of Biology or other related science class.

**Dual Credit:** Up to 7.5 credits

**Certifications:** First Aid/CPR, Pharmacy Assistant, HIPAA

**Credit Equivalency:** Anatomy & Physiology - 1.0, Health - 1.0, Life Science - 1.0, CTE/Elective - 1.5 (Per Year)

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**Pre-Physical Therapy & Sports Medicine**

The Pre-Physical Therapy & Sports Medicine program is designed to provide students with a hands-on experience in evaluation, acute care, and rehabilitation skills. This program will also teach students about Kinesiology (the study of human movement), human anatomy and physiology, ethics, and taping procedures. This course is a first step for students interested in becoming a certified athletic trainer, strength and conditioning specialist, or physical therapist. Program fees apply. Year 2 option available. Prerequisite: Successful completion of Biology or other related science class.

**Dual Credit:** Up to 15 credits

**Certifications:** First Aid/CPR

**Credit Equivalency:** Anatomy & Physiology - 1.5, Fitness & Conditioning Activities - 1.5, CTE/Elective - 1.5 (Per Year)

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