

Pierce County Skills Center Port of Tacoma Commission Meeting

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PCSC Mission Statement

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

Shared Vision for Workforce – Aligned with EV-5





Current PCSC Programs & Focus

- Aerospace Composites
- Aerospace Machining
- Automotive Technology
- Construction Trades
- Cosmetology
- Criminal Justice
- Culinary Arts
- DigiPen Video Game Development
- Fire Science
- ITS & Cybersecurity
- Medical Careers
- Pre-Pharmacy Technology
- Pre-Physical Therapy & Sports Medicine
- Pre-Veterinary Technology

Priorities:

- Transferrable Technical Skills & 21st Century Leadership
- Certifications
- Dual (College) Credits
- Focused post-high school plan

Benefits of a Skills Center

- Provides regional, career-specific programs not typically available at local high schools - exploratory vs. preparatory - cost of program, facilities & equipment
- Provides an opportunity for a seamless program of study:



- Earn multiple college credits
- Earn equivalency credit (high school academic credit)
- Earn industry certification
- No cost to to take classes
Program Fees may apply – funds available to offset any barriers



PCSC Facts

- 14 Skills Centers throughout Washington - PCSC opened Fall 2010
- Designed for 11th & 12th grade students – ½ day high school, ½ day PCSC
- 2 sessions per day – traditional schedule
 - ◆ AM Session (7:55-10:25) ◆ PM Session (11:15-1:45)
 - ◆ 2020-21 100% Remote Learning & Small Groups
- Consortium of 10 school districts (26 high schools)
 - Bethel, Eatonville, Fife, Franklin Pierce, Orting, Steilacoom, Sumner, Tacoma, University Place & White River
- Students earn high school credit, college credit and industry certification
- 2020-21 Enrollment – 519* students – 610 capacity
 - * Approximately 60 students less than 19-20
- ◆ Funding for skills center construction from the state budget

Future Construction

Expand Manufacturing Offerings



2019 – Awarded \$128,500 for pre-design

2021-23 – Requesting \$8.5M for Modernization

Evergreen Building – Phase 4

- 10,800 sq ft
- Modernize to house Construction Trades & Fire Science
- Classroom & shop become available in Olympic for future Manufacturing – possibilities – Maritime (transportation, distribution, & logistics, HVAC)



Benchmarks & Success Criteria

Completers (360 hours & passing grade)

- 2019-2020 – 85%
- 2018-2019 – 90%

Industry Certification

- 2019-2020 – 82%
- 2018-2019 – 86%

Dual Credit

- 2019-2020 – 89.5%
- 2018-2019 – 80%

Current Academic Success

- 96.5% Students passed Trimester 1 (A, B, or C)

Industry Certification

- Aerospace Manufacturing (locally developed by advisory board)
- ASE (Automotive Service Excellence)
- PCPro, NetworkPro, SecurityPro
- Career Skills Certificate – Precision Exams - All programs
- Certified Nursing Assistant
- CPR/First Aid
- CorePlus – Aerospace & Construction
- OSHA 10
- Forklift
- Pharmacy Assistant
- ServeSafe, Food Handler's Card
- Unity (C# Video Game Coding)



Partnership Alignment Opportunities

EV-5 Training & Education

- Assist with program evaluation and development
- Participate in PCSC events & activities
- Guest speakers, field trip sites, job shadows & internships
- Access employment pipeline
- Access facility for expedited interviewing
- Donations - equipment & consumables





Future Partnership Opportunities

- Crosswalk PCSC programs and Port of Tacoma Career Opportunities
- Program Expansion – provide input for new program in manufacturing
- Remote Setting
 - Virtual Field Trips
 - Guest Speakers
 - Job Fairs