

WELCOME TO THE WORKFORCE EDUCATION WINTER QUARTER NEWSLETTER



»» Fall 2024 Resource Fair

Workforce Education hosted our second Community Resource Fair in October. We had 25 community partners on campus to share their services with students, and over 300 students, staff and faculty visited the fair. One highlight was the DSHS mobile team were here and enrolled students in the SNAP food benefits program. The Multicultural Child and Family Hope Center spoke to 100 students to share their services which range from childcare to housing and homelessness support services! The Community Resource Fair will be held every Fall and Spring Quarters.

»» Library Workshop Coming Your Way Soon

In November, our Workforce Education Outreach Navigator, Lorrie Ann, offered a workshop on Exploring Career and Training Opportunities at the Swasey Branch of Tacoma Public Libraries. We demonstrated multiple career interest assessments, how to use them to explore job trends and then find related training opportunities. We wrapped up with covering the grants and scholarships available to help adult students pay for college. This workshop will be offered again during the winter at both the Swasey and Moore library branches, as well as an in-depth presentation about TCC career training programs, the enrollment and financial aid process, and resources available on campus to help adult students succeed. Dates have not been set yet, but check the “Upcoming Events” calendar in February.

»» WONDERING HOW TO PAY FOR COLLEGE?

Attend a [Making College Affordable](#) workshop at **Worksource Pierce** to learn about all the options.

Would you like a presentation for your staff or customers?

Please contact our Lead Outreach Navigator, Lorrie Ann @ lann@tacomacc.edu, 253-566-5247

»» Looking For Financial Guidance Or Job Search Help?

We're excited to highlight three amazing community partners who play a vital role in enhancing the student experience by providing invaluable resources and fostering a culture of service, collaboration, and growth on campus. We have **Career Team**, offering employment and training resources to help students achieve their career goals; **Northwest Education Access**, connecting students with educational support and NWEA Advocates; and Charisma, **Financial Coach from United Way**, providing personalized financial coaching on budgeting, credit building, debt management, and goal setting to help students gain control of their financial futures.

Charisma's Upcoming Bi-Weekly Financial Workshops



Charisma is also preparing to launch a bi-weekly financial workshop series, where students can learn essential skills such as financial literacy, budgeting, and effective financial management. These workshops are designed to equip students with the tools they need to take charge of their financial well-being. The first walk-in workshop will be held on **Thursday, December 5th, 2024**, and the second on **Wednesday, January 15th, 2025**, both from **11:30 AM to 12:30 PM** in **Building 19, Room 28**.

How to Get Involved

To learn more or schedule a one-on-one session with any of these community partners, reach out to the Workforce Education Department. These partnerships are here to support students in overcoming challenges and setting them up for future success. [Click here to learn more](#)

»» Meet our Business Pathway Specialist : Kelia Cady

What is your role, and what services do you provide to support our students? *As a Pathway Specialist, I focus on guiding students to their desired educational path and supporting them through to completion by providing program information, educational workshops, and career networking opportunities. I also connect students facing academic, financial, or personal challenges with campus resources to help them achieve their goals and succeed confidently.*



What are some Business Pathways you are in charge of? *As the Business Pathway Specialist, I support students pursuing degrees in Business, Accounting, and Paralegal. Examples of short term certificates include: Human Resource Specialist, Paralegal Preferred Pro, and Assistant Bookkeeping Clerk, offering flexible learning options designed to prepare them for the workforce or career advancement.*

Can you explain the stackable certificates that can lead to an Associate or Bachelor's Program? *TCC's stackable Professional and Technical Certificates offer flexible options to enhance skills, prepare for entry-level roles, or advance in your career.*

These certificates can be earned individually or applied toward an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree, and even one of our Bachelors Program (BAS). Being able to tailor education in this way can help adult students reach their career goals. Explore programs like Accounting Office Associate, Management, and specialized certificates such as Global Transportation & Secure Logistics or Entrepreneurship that provide pathways to a new or advancing career.

[Click here to learn more about the Business Pathway and attend an information session.](#)

FUNDING APPLICATION WORKSHOPS for Winter Quarter are shown below Students can scan QR code or visit our website to sign up!

ZOOM : Mondays 10:00am

In-person : Tuesdays & Wednesdays 1:30pm

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Enroll now for the Winter quarter!
Winter Quarter Starts on Monday January 6th, 2025

»» WORKFORCE HAS FIVE FUNDING PROGRAMS

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

[Find out More](#)

Reminder: [TCC Welcome Center](#) is located in building 8 on campus. They are a one-stop shop for potential and new students to get help with starting at TCC.



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