

WELCOME TO THE WORKFORCE EDUCATION SPRING QUARTER NEWSLETTER

»» Save the Date!

Spring 2025 Community Resource Fair

Building on the success of Workforce Education's second Community Resource Fair in October, which featured 25 community partners and welcomed over 300 attendees, we are excited to announce the Spring 2025 Community Resource Fair! Join us on **Wednesday, May 7th, from 10 AM to 2 PM.**

Mark your calendars & Register Here! : [SPRING 2025 CRF VENDOR REGISTRATION](#)



»» Library Workshops:

[Moore Branch](#)—February 27, 1PM-3PM & March 27th 12:30PM-2PM
[Swasey Branch](#)— March 27th, 3:30PM-5PM

»» Career Job Fair Coming Soon!

[TCC](#)—May 15th, 10AM-2PM

[Gig Harbor Campus](#)—May 16th, 10AM-1PM

»» Career Boost—More information coming soon!

- ♦ Human Services : April 1st, 2025 2pm-3pm
- ♦ Paralegal Studies : April 1st, 2025 3pm-4pm
- ♦ EMT : April 8th, 2025 2pm-3pm

»» Bachelors Degree Programs Application Now Open!

- ♦ Applied Management
- ♦ Community Health
- ♦ Health Information Management
- ♦ IT Networking Information Systems & Technology

[Click here to learn more about Bachelor Programs & Individual Programs Applications](#)

»» Help your clients find careers that match their skills!

Explore the Career Coaching and Resources offered by the TCC Career Center.
[Click Here to Learn More](#)

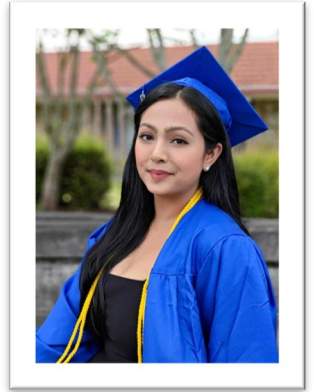
Would you like a presentation for your staff or customers?

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

»» Turning Passion into Purpose: Malinda's Story of Perseverance and Progress

Malinda's journey to success began as the first in her family to pursue a college degree. After spending eight years as a stay-at-home mom, she dedicated her time to caring for her special needs child and two nieces. It was her experience caring for her son that sparked her passion for healthcare and motivated her to pursue a career where she could help others in similar situations.

When Malinda enrolled at TCC, she knew she was stepping into a new chapter, one that would require personal growth and determination. At TCC, she gained invaluable skills in self-care, time management, and accountability. One of her most impactful experiences was taking the Career and College Pathway Academy (CCPA) class with Professors Allison Muir and Rachelle McGill. This class helped her navigate the personal and academic challenges of college life, giving her the tools to succeed both in and outside of the classroom. Malinda found inspiration in a book from the class, *The Practical Neuroscience of Happiness, Love, and Wisdom* by Rick Hanson, particularly a quote that became her guiding principle: "What flows through your mind sculpts your brain." This powerful message has helped her grow both academically and personally.



Malinda's path was not without its challenges. As a single mother, she faced financial difficulties and struggled with childcare. However, with the help of TCC's Workforce Education program, she was able to overcome these obstacles. The program provided assistance with textbooks and enrolled her youngest child in the Early Learning Center, allowing Malinda to attend classes while ensuring her child was well cared for.

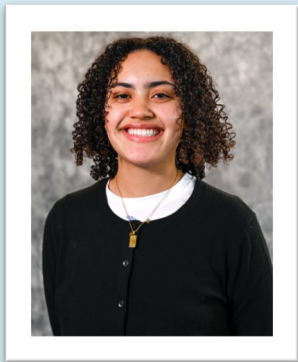
After completing her nursing prerequisites and earning an Allied Healthcare Degree, Malinda's hard work paid off when she was accepted into the Associate's Degree in Nursing program at TCC. She is determined to build a career in healthcare that provides financial stability and the flexibility to spend more time with her children. Her long-term goals include purchasing a wheelchair-accessible van for her son and buying a forever home for her family.

To future students, Malinda offers simple yet powerful advice: don't hesitate to ask questions, seek help, and participate, even when you feel nervous. Confidence comes with knowledge, especially in the healthcare field. She also emphasizes the importance of balancing study time with self-care, suggesting that students take medical terminology before jumping into Anatomy and Physiology classes for greater success.

Malinda's gratitude goes beyond the classroom. She is thankful to her biology professors Curtis Moon, Jonathan Pottle, and Angela Mohanty for their support, as well as her advisor Lauren Crook and Chanry Yann for their compassion. Most importantly, Malinda is forever grateful for the love and encouragement she has received from her family, friends, partner, and children.

Malinda's story is a true testament to perseverance, growth, and the power of community. With her heart set on a career in healthcare and a future filled with promise, she's ready to continue making a difference in the lives of others.

»» Meet our Business Pathway Specialist : Drew Tripp



What is your role, and what specific services do you provide to support our students?

I am a Pathway Specialist for the Business, Paralegal, and Technology division, focusing on the Technology programs, including Information Systems and Health Information Technology. My role involves providing students with information about these programs, as well as resources such as funding and community resources. Additionally, I create and facilitate events and workshops to support students.

What are some Pathways you are in charge of?

I focus on the technology programs, including Information Systems (I.S.) and Health Information Technology/Health Information Management (H.I.T/H.I.M).

Can you please explain about the stackable certificates that can eventually lead to our Associates or Bachelor's program?

Some of our programs offer stackable certificates that are part of both our Applied Science (AAS) degree and one of our Bachelor's programs (BAS). Student can earn the certificate as a stand-alone credential or continue on to complete the full degree. Most certificates take one to three quarters to complete, depending on the program. This flexible approach allows adult students to tailor their education to better reach their career goals.

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

FUNDING APPLICATION WORKSHOPS

for Spring 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 Spring 2025 quarter!
Spring Quarter Starts on Monday March 31st, 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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