

Vocational Training

Program	Location(s)	Ages Served	Program Description	Contact Information	How to Enroll	Cost to Participants
Bates Technical College	<p>Downtown Campus (main campus) 1101 South Yakima Avenue Tacoma, WA 98405</p> <p>South Campus 2201 South 78th Street Tacoma, WA 98409</p> <p>Mohler Campus 2320 South 19th Street Tacoma, WA 98405</p>	Adults who have earned a high school diploma or GED certification.	At Bates, students learn industry-specific skills. They show they have mastered those skills before earning their two-year Associate of Technology Degree. Bates' curriculum includes industry-specific skills as well as education in related instruction and academics. Related instruction includes such workplace skills as safety, environmental issues, and college-level academics in communications, human relations and mathematics. Training at Bates is designed to replicate the workplace. Students may, with approval, supplement their instruction with paid and unpaid work-based learning in business throughout the Puget Sound area. A list of Industry Certifications offered at Bates follows this page. For more information about programs offered through Bates, see the website at: www.bates.ctc.edu	<p>For general information about Bates' programs, contact (253) 680-7000.</p> <p>To take the COMPASS test, contact the Assessment Center: Phone: (253) 680-7030</p>	Fill out an application form available at Student Services. Contact for further enrollment info, or info regarding test taking.	<p>Tuition varies by program and ranges from \$3,328.56/year to \$7,705.62/year (including summer quarter). Financial assistance is available by completing the FAFSA.</p> <p>COMPASS test, \$21 fee and takes two and a half hours to complete. Retests are \$5 per test.</p> <p>*Contact Bates for rate changes.</p>

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Bates Technical High School	<p>Downtown Campus (main campus) 1101 South Yakima Avenue Tacoma, WA 98405</p> <p>South Campus 2201 South 78th Street Tacoma, WA 98409</p>	Students must be between 16 and 20 years old, have a minimum of 10 high school credits, and have written permission from their high school principal.	Eligible high school students may register in career training programs at Bates and earn high school credits while learning job skills.	Call (253)680-7004 or 680-7263	Call to get application and registration materials. In addition, Technical High School students must attend a program orientation. (Orientations for Technical High School and Running Start students are held the first and third Thursdays of every month at the Downtown Campus Cafeteria at 3pm and at the South Campus Cafeteria at 10:30 am.)	Technical High School students do not pay tuition. All fees for materials and activities are waived for the students.
Educational Opportunity Center	622 Tacoma Ave. S., 1 st Floor Tacoma, WA 98402	Pierce County residents 19 years and older who are interested in continuing their education. Preference given to people who are low-income or who would be first-generation of their family to go to college, although they serve some people who don't fit into either category. They are also able to serve some younger Pierce County residents.	EOC provides a variety of resources to Pierce County residents interested in continuing their education or exploring career interests. They offer various assessments and inventories to help clients discover career interests, skills, and learning styles. They can help clients find appropriate educational programs in everything from adult basic education to ESL to college degree programs. They can help fund the GED test and can also advise and advocate for clients in college loan default.	(253) 572-5960	Call to set up an initial appointment.	Free.

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New Chance at Bates Technical College	Downtown Campus Room E209 1101 South Yakima Avenue Tacoma, WA 98405	Primarily for adults who have are receiving unemployment benefits, have exhausted unemployment benefits in the last 24 months, received a WARN notice, or for parents striving to leave welfare behind. Also for youth from Tacoma Urban League Academy.	New Chance is a 4-week program that helps participants to learn how their skills have developed, to build their self-confidence, to update their computer skills, and to develop a job search portfolio. Classes include strengths assessment, career exploration, computer technology, resume building, interview techniques, and interpersonal skills.	(253) 680-7290	Call New Chance or come in to enroll in a 4-week session.	Free.
Tacoma Community College	6501 S. 19th Street Tacoma, WA 98466-6139	Adults who have earned a high school diploma or GED certification.	More than 37 degree or certificate programs to help students gain employment skills or prepare for transfer to a four-year college. Program descriptions online at: www.tacoma.ctc.edu/inst_dept/workforce/proftech.shtm	Call Admissions at (253) 566-5116 or go to the TCC website at: www.tacoma.ctc.edu .	Applications are available online, at the Admissions Counter in Building 18, or by calling (253) 566-6086. TCC recommends applying 8 weeks prior to the start of the quarter. Note: assessment tests are also necessary. Contact TCC for further info.	Regular tuition schedule can be found online at: www.tacoma.ctc.edu/register/tuition.shtm .

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Work Source Pierce Career Development Center	1305 Tacoma Ave S., 201 Tacoma, WA 98402	All adults, 18 years and older, are eligible for core services. Priority for intensive and training services must be given to recipients of public assistance and other low-income individuals where funds are limited. In addition to unemployed adults, employed adults may be served if they are in need of services to obtain or retain employment that allows for self-sufficiency.	The public can receive the following services: Use the Resource Room for job search activities; Receive initial career counseling, and labor market information that identifies job vacancies and trends; Identify skills for occupations in demand; Assistance with job search and placement; Assistance for employees with job retention. For more information, see the website: www.app2.wa.gov/esd/pierce .	(253)593-7300	Stop by the resource room to fill out an application or call for more information.	Free.
Work Source Youth Programs	1305 Tacoma Ave S., 201 Tacoma, WA 98402	To participate in this program, a youth (ages 14-21) must be low-income and/or fall under one or more of the following categories: 1) deficient in basic literacy skills; 2) a school dropout; 3) homeless; 4) a runaway; 5) a foster child; 6) pregnant or a parent; 7) an offender; 8) requires additional assistance to complete education or secure and hold employment.	Youth Programs provide a comprehensive array of youth services that help low-income youth seeking assistance in achieving academic and employment success. Program participants receive services such as occupational skills training, counseling, internships, job placements, mentoring, tutoring, leadership development, and support services.	(253) 593-7300	Call or stop by the office for application and enrollment information.	Free.

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Youth Building Tacoma	Tacoma Pierce County Employment and Training Consortium 3650 S. Cedar Street Tacoma, WA 98409	18-24 year old City of Tacoma residents.	Pre-apprenticeship training and career development for the construction industry and emerging technologies.	(253) 680-2860	Call for application.	Call for more information.
Youth Works	Tacoma Pierce County Employment and Training Consortium 3650 S. Cedar Street Tacoma, WA 98409	Youth 17-21 years old. Must prove financial need.	Connects young adults to employment and training opportunities, scholarships to attend Technical and Community College, and enhancement of basic skills ability and ongoing support after job placement.	(253)552-2543	Call for application.	Call for more information.