

# WELCOME TO THE WORKFORCE EDUCATION FALL QUARTER NEWSLETTER



## »» SPRING 2024 COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR

The TCC Workforce Education department hosted a first ever Community Resource Fair for Students on May 21st. It was a highly successful event with over 200 students attending and 25 community organizations tabling! Partners commented on the great diversity of the student body, the value of meeting participants in their own space, and connected with students interested in doing internships. Some highlights included: The Rainbow Center spoke with 35 students who hadn't known about their organization and were excited to participate; the Tacoma Public Library spoke to over 100 students to share the variety resources available at the libraries and signed-up many first-time card holders; Career Team's International Project Team engaged with 30 ELL students at the fair, and 7 have enrolled in the WIOA program and are now working with Career Advisors. **We are excited to announce that we will be hosting a [Fall Community Resource Fair on October 10th!](#) Save the Date emails will be coming out soon!**



**293** WORKFORCE STUDENTS  
GRADUATED In  
2023-24 School Year!



### »» INFORMATION SESSIONS

Clients interested in Business or Healthcare Pathway?  
We invite them to our information sessions listed below.

- **Business Pathway Info Session**  
[www.tacomacc.edu/bus-para-tech](http://www.tacomacc.edu/bus-para-tech)
- **Healthcare Pathway Info Session**  
[www.tacomacc.edu/healthcareers](http://www.tacomacc.edu/healthcareers)

### »» WORKFORCE HAS FIVE FUNDING PROGRAMS

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

[Find out More](#)

### »» WONDERING HOW TO PAY FOR COLLEGE?

Attend a **Making College Affordable** workshop at **Worksource Pierce** to learn about all the options : \*See attached Flyer

Would you like a presentation for your staff or customers?

Please contact our Lead Outreach Navigator, Lorrie Ann @ [lann@tacomacc.edu](mailto:lann@tacomacc.edu), 253-566-5247

»» Exciting news! Our two newly approved Health Information Certificates are perfect for those interested in Healthcare or Business pathways. The certificates are stackable into the Health Information Technology (HIT) AAS degree which can lead to a rewarding career. Plus, all courses are offered 100% online!

- \* Health Records Certificate
- \* Health Information Associate Certificate

\*See attached Flyer

Join us for the Health Information Technology (HIT) Career Boost Event, hosted in partnership with WorkSource, on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, in TCC Building 13, Room 265!

## Celebrating Erin's Journey to a Thriving Healthcare Career



Erin Johnston, once a self-employed professional in the cleaning business with no high school diploma, faced significant challenges when the pandemic hit. Seeking stability and a new direction, Erin reached out to TCC and was introduced to Corinne Jarvis, faculty and chair of the Health Information Technology (HIT) program. With Corinne's guidance, Erin embarked on a transformative journey. She was connected to Workforce Education for financial assistance and navigation support.

A plan for Erin included earning a diploma, and obtaining a medical billing certificate—all while completing prerequisites for the HIT program. Despite the hurdles of adapting to new technology and online learning, Erin's determination never wavered. With relentless support from peers, professors, and the TCC tutoring center, Erin overcame these obstacles.

Today, Erin stands on the brink of a new career, equipped with a robust understanding of the healthcare business, newfound confidence, and sharpened critical thinking skills. Erin is currently preparing for the RHIT exam and eagerly anticipates the opportunities that lie ahead.

Erin's dreams were able to become a reality, through essential financial assistance and support. Erin extends heartfelt thanks to TCC advisors, instructors, and Workforce Education for their pivotal role in this journey.

Erin's Advice for Future Students: *"I would say it's not an easy ride but it's worth it and the instructors are beyond amazing & supportive. Be prepared to put in time and energy and take advantage of connecting with your cohorts, it really helps to have support and friends to support you."*

Congratulations, Erin, on your incredible achievements and the exciting future that awaits you!

# FUNDING APPLICATION WORKSHOPS

for Fall 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**

## AUGUST 2024

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## SEPTEMBER 2024

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**Workforce Grants and Application Workshops for FALL Quarter:  
ZOOM Mondays 10:00am, In-person Tuesdays & Wednesdays 1:30pm**

**FALL 2024 Quarter Starts September 23rd !**

**No Workshops**

**Enroll now for the Fall quarter!**

**Fall Quarter Starts on  
Monday September 23, 2024**

*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.*



**SCAN ME**

**Workforce Education  
Building 19 Room 70**

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