**Workforce**

**Lakewood Has an Important Military Presence**

Joint Base Lewis McChord provides a unique source of employees. Many highly trained and disciplined military personnel choose Pierce County as their last duty station so they can move into civilian life in our community and apply their technical skills in the private sector. Spouses of active military personnel also bring sought-after skills and abilities to the workforce.

**Clover Park Technical College** [http://www.cptc.edu/]

*Clover Park Technical College* offers more than 50 hands-on career and training programs. From aviation to health care, from computers to design, from cooking to welding, at Clover Park Technical College you can expect your instructors to give you personal attention and skilled guidance. The campus can be reached at (253) 589-5800.

**Pierce College - Fort Steilacoom Campus** [http://www.pierce.ctc.edu/]

*Pierce College - Fort Steilacoom* campus offers Associate’s degrees, degree programs to link with partnering universities, professional and technical certifications in a number of fields which allow students to succeed in a number of satisfying, high-demand career fields.

Adult Basic Education programs help adults earn their high school equivalency or gain the basic math, reading, and language skills they need to thrive. Continuing education programs for lifelong learning include computer skills, dance, art, photography, home improvement, and languages. The campus can be reached at (253) 964-6651.

**Workforce Central Business Connection** [http://www.workforce-central.org/for-business]

The *Workforce Central Business Connection* partners with Pierce County employers to make attracting and growing a qualified workforce simple, efficient, and within budget. They can be reached at (253) 591-5450.