

# What is a Professional Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)?

TACs are groups of employers, employees, and labor representatives who leverage their expertise in a given field to strengthen professional and technical degree programs across Seattle Colleges. We offer more than 130 career and job training programs, ranging from short-term certificates to bachelor's degrees.

TACs are taken seriously by faculty and administrators. Committee activities focus on reviewing programs, providing recommendations, and assisting students and faculty. They support curriculum changes within a program, foster innovation, and serve as advocates for a robust, equitable education. Authority for administration and management of programs remains with Seattle Colleges.

#### **About Seattle Colleges**

Seattle Colleges is Washington state's largest college district, with more than 45.000 students enrolled in 130 plus workforce education and training programs each year. It is composed of Seattle Central College, North Seattle College, South Seattle **College**, and five specialty centers located throughout the metro area including the Wood **Technology Center** in the Central District, the Health Education **Center** at Pacific Tower, **Seattle** Maritime Academy in Ballard, the Georgetown campus in south Seattle, and the **NewHolly** Learning Center on Beacon Hill.



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### Why me?

- Your first-hand knowledge of industry trends will help our programs stay current with changes and advances in the field.
- Your ideas and advice will improve programs, providing high-caliber educational opportunities to students throughout Seattle.
- Your efforts will help students acquire the knowledge, skills, and attitudes they need to enter and succeed in their professions.





### What will I be asked to do?

- Provide input and feedback on how to embed project-based learning into curriculum, with an eye toward professional skill development.
- Evaluate the program, student performance standards, and facilities against industry standards.
- Assist with recruiting potential students and faculty, keeping equity standards in mind.
- Leverage opportunities for career-connected learning, mentorship, and guest speaking.
- Champion internships, career-fairs, and job shadowing within your organization.
- Share your expertise with faculty to promote professional development.

## Who benefits?

- You'll have networking opportunities to interact with other professionals and educators in your career field.
- You'll impact the development and refinement of our educational programs and gain personal satisfaction from helping programs, faculty, staff, and, most importantly, students.
- Your company will gain recognition as an active community and educational partner.
- Students will benefit from better, more relevant career and technical education programs.
- Seattle's workforce and economy will be strengthened.

