

Interested in becoming a Puentista? Fill out the form below and mail it to Puente coordinators. You can also bring it in person to building 5 and leave it at the front desk.

Highline College
Puente Program
MS 5-1
PO BOX 98000
Des Moines, WA 98198

Thank you for your interest in the Puente Program. Please review the process and participation criteria before you complete the application.

Criteria:

1. Interest in transferring to and graduating from a 4 year university or college
2. G.P.A. of 2.0 or higher. (Students who do not meet this criterion should submit a letter of recommendation from an instructor or counselor with the application)
3. A willingness to learn about the Latinx experience
4. A willingness to participate in career and college field trips, service learning (community service), and mentoring events that take place outside of regular class time
5. A willingness to enroll in ALL of the Puente course components fall through spring quarters
6. Must be eligible to enroll in English 101 in the fall

PUENTE PROJECT AGREEMENT AND COMMITMENT TO PUENTE STUDENTS

1. Puente English courses each semester develop critical reading and writing skills necessary to succeed in college or university.
2. Puente counseling and counseling-psychology courses each quarter to develop self-confidence, self-understanding and student success skills necessary to make it in college or university, a knowledge of resources, requirements and an educational plan necessary for transfer.
3. Puente mentoring each semester by volunteers in professional careers to help develop skills necessary for the professional work world.
4. Puente Educational, career and culture activities each semester that further support students in developing career and life goals.

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Personal Information

- 1. Last Name _____
- 2. First Name _____
- 3. Email address _____
- 4. Phone number _____
- 5. Best Address _____
- 6. Date of Birth (example, December 15, 2000) _____
- 7. Are you currently a Highline College student? _____
 - a. If you are a current Highline student, what is your ID number? _____
 - b. If you are not a Highline student, have you taken other college classes? _____
- 8. How do you culturally identify? For example, I identify as Mexicana, Salvadoreña, and American.

Academic Information

Please help us understand your academic experience better

- 9. Which describes your high school education? *Mark only one answer.*
 - a. ____ I am currently a high school student (graduating before fall quarter)
 - b. ____ I am currently a high school student in the running start program.
 - c. ____ I am a recent high school graduate.
 - d. ____ I have a GED or other high school equivalent.
 - e. ____ Other: _____
- 10. If you have attended other colleges, list the names of the colleges and how many credits you have received.

- 11. What major (subject) are you interested in focusing on in college?

12. Which degree level would you like to achieve? Check all that apply.

- a. Associates degree (two-year degree)
- b. Bachelor degree (four-year degree)
- c. Master's degree (graduate school)
- d. I have a GED or other high school equivalent. (Ph.D., M.D., J.D., etc.)

Why Puente?

10. Tell us more about yourself. Why do you want to be in the Puente program? How can we help you reach your goals?

11. What challenges have you faced in your academic experience? This may include challenges you are facing now or think you might face as you transition to college.

12. Tell us about your academic (education) and career (job) goals.
