Short-Term Training Options

Presenters:

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Workshop Overview

• Introductions & Overview of the EOC program
• Choosing the right program for you
• Types of Short-Term Training
• Examples of Certificate and Training Programs
• Funding - VSAC & Partner Organizations
• Questions and Answers
Educational Opportunity Center (EOC)

- VSAC’s Educational Opportunity Center is a federally funded TRIO program that serves adults who do not yet have a 4-year degree.
- 2/3 of the people EOC serve are the first generation in their family to pursue education/training after high school and have moderate income.

How can an EOC Counselor & VSAC Help?
- Career Exploration
- Education and Training
- Financial Aid
- Ongoing Support & Referrals
Choosing the Right Program for You

• Assess and clarify your interests, skills, abilities & values

• Identify your learning style and preferences

• Research careers & training programs that may interest you

• Learn more about the resources available to help you map out next steps.
What short-term training interests you?
Short-Term Training & Credentials of Value

Individual Classes
• A class typically lasting one semester or less which can help the student gain skills required for a specific job or task. Examples range from computer based to hands on. Some examples available in Vermont include Microsoft Office, Greenhouse Pest Management, OSHA 10, CPR, First Aid and SERV Safe.

Short-Term Trainings which lead to Licensure
• Career-focused classes which lead to licensure. Examples include LNA (Licensed Nursing Assistant) or CDL (Commercial Driver’s License). These are typically short term but intensive programs which require a combination of classroom and hands-on training.

Certificate Programs
• A certificate program is a group of related courses designed to provide students with entry-level workplace skills in a particular field. Examples include Bookkeeping, Massage Therapy, Paramedic, Medical Billing and Coding, IT Certifications and Construction Management. It is also possible to use the credits in a certificate program as a steppingstone to an associate degree or bachelor’s degree.
Vermont Registered Apprenticeship program

- Assists Vermonters in setting up structured, flexible training programs to meet the specific needs of Vermont employers through on-the-job training and related classroom instruction. There are nearly 700 active apprenticeships in Vermont in over 25 occupations. Employers participate in Registered Apprenticeships by “sponsoring” individuals as apprentices. Vermont Apprenticeships are available through a variety of partners including the Vermont Department of Labor (VDOL), Community College of Vermont and Vermont Technical College.

For further information regarding Apprenticeships in Vermont

- VDOL Apprenticeship Program
- VTSU Randolph
- Community College of Vermont
Additional Short-Term Training Programs

**Vermont WIOA Eligible Training Provider List** – The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act program at the Vermont Department of Labor maintains a list of short-term training programs that meet basic criteria for quality and outcomes. This list includes information regarding location, cost and associated credentials.

**Commercial Driver Training and Programs** – The Vermont Department of Motor Vehicle maintains a list of driver training programs available throughout the state in addition to study materials for those interested in this training.

**Ed2go** - Offers hundreds of online classes, career training programs, and certification prep courses. Trainings are available through the Ed2go site or are also connected through Vermont schools including Vermont Technical College and the Career and Technical Education locations.

**Universal Classes through Vermont State Libraries** - Vermont Public Libraries provide access to over 500 high quality **free** online courses for all library users. Many can lead to continuing education credits and certifications.
Vermont Adult Career & Technical Education Centers

The roads to high-wage, in-demand jobs in Vermont intersect here. Get on the pathway to a career that meets your needs and wants.

FIND A CAREER  FIND CLASSES
Vermont Adult Career & Technical Education Centers

VT Adult Career & Technical Education  17 regional centers provide online and in-person career training and certification for both high school students and adults

Burlington Technical Center
Center For Technology, Essex
Central Vermont Career Center
Cold Hollow Career Center
Green Mountain Technology and Career Center
Hannaford Career Center
Hartford Area Career and Technology Center
Lyndon Institute Adult Continuing Education
North Country Career Center
Northwest Technical Center
Randolph Technical Career Center
River Bend Career and Technical Center
River Valley Technical Center
Southwest Tech Center
St Johnsbury Academy Technical Center
Stafford Technical Center
Windham Regional Career Center
Vermont Adult Career & Technical Education Centers

**Widely Offered:**
- Licensed Nurse Assistant
- Commercial Driver's License
- Welding
- Dental Assisting

**Unique Location Specific:**
- Phlebotomy
- Massage Therapy
- Aviation Mechanic
- Leadership
- Woodworking
- Electrical Tech
- Butchering
- CNC Machining
- Tractor Safety and Operation
Student stories

video [link](#)
The Vermont Advancement Grant - The Vermont Advancement Grant is intended to help Vermonters enhance job skills that improve employability or to provide students with an introduction to a post-secondary educational program. Up to $3000 for billable tuition & fees in 24-25 academic year; or for courses over $4000, maximum level at 75% of tuition and fees up to $7500.

The Curtis COV Training Scholarship - Can cover up to $1500 for eligible students. SPECIFICALLY meant for students pursuing certificate programs and credentials of value. Students must work with an EOC counselor to be nominated for this additional funding.

The Vermont Grant – For those programs that qualify for Title IV (traditional college funding), a VSAC EOC counselor can assist you in understanding your financial aid options and apply for state and federal grants to help cover the cost of a training program.

As funds are available.
Additional Financial Aid Resources

**802 Opportunity** – Covers tuition and fees at CCV for families with income less than $75,000.

**The TRADES Scholarship/Forgivable Loan** - Can cover up to $23,000 for tuition and $2,000 for initial licensing fees and exam fees for families with income less than $100,000. Agree to work in Vermont for a minimum of one year following licensure or certification completion for each year of funding in the profession for which they received funds.

*As funds are available.*
Additional Funding and Support Resources

- Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)
- HireAbilityVT
- The Veterans Administration
- Reach-Up
Job Center Services

- Registration with vermontjoblink.com
- Economic and Labor Market Information
- Referrals to community partners
- Job search activities
- Assessment resources
- Veteran services
- Virtual workshops
  - Resume Writing
  - Interview Skills
  - Re-Employment Strategies
  - Regional Employment Connections
- Virtual hiring events: Thursdays @ 11:00 am

For more information:
labor.vermont.gov/workforce-development
Questions?

We welcome all questions regarding short-term training and financial-aid.
Connect with a VSAC EOC Counselor

- Learn more about training programs
- Receive help in completing financial aid applications
- One on one coaching and support

Call 877.961.4369 to schedule an appointment or directly contact an EOC counselor from your region of Vermont