

Short-Term Training Options

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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



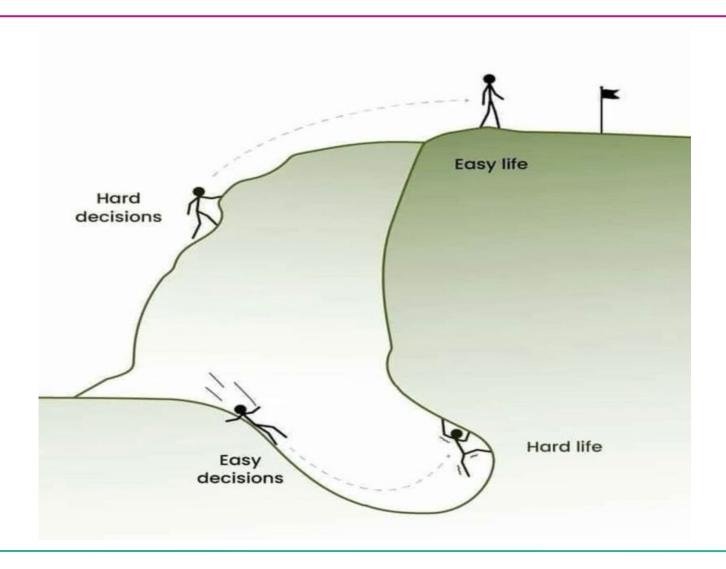
Choosing the Right Program for You

- 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 SFRV 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.



Apprenticeships

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

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

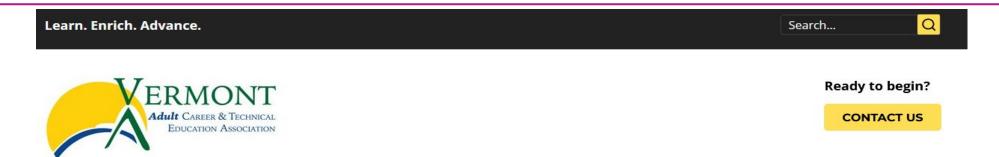
<u>Commercial Driver Training and Programs</u> – The Vermont Department of Motor Vehicle maintains a list of driver training programs available throughout the state in addition to study materials for those interested in this training.

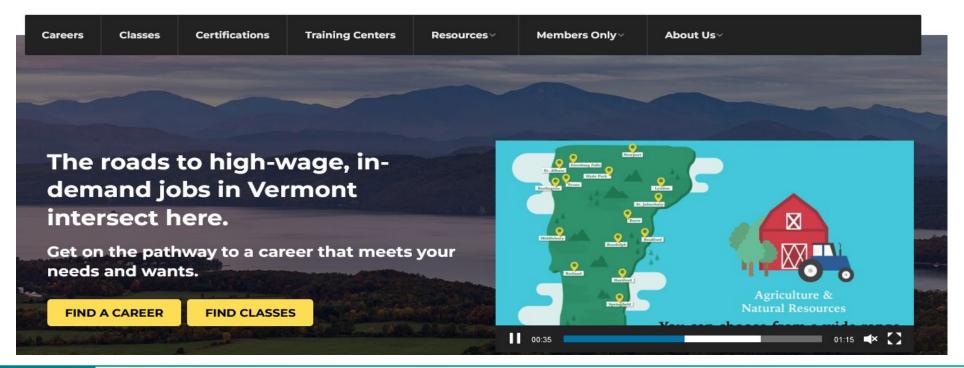
<u>Ed2go</u> - Offers hundreds of online classes, career training programs, and certification prep courses. Trainings are available through the Ed2go site or are also connected through Vermont schools including Vermont Technical College and the Career and Technical Education locations.

<u>Universal Classes through Vermont State Libraries</u> - 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







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

Burlington Technical Center Northwest Technical Center

<u>Center For Technology, Essex</u>
<u>Randolph Technical Career Center</u>

<u>Central Vermont Career Center</u>
<u>River Bend Career and Technical Center</u>

<u>Cold Hollow Career Center</u>
<u>River Valley Technical Center</u>

Green Mountain Technology and Career Center Southwest Tech Center

<u>Hannaford Career Center</u> <u>St Johnsbury Academy Technical Center</u>

Hartford Area Career and Technology Center Stafford Technical Center

<u>Lyndon Institute Adult Continuing Education</u> <u>Windham Regional Career Center</u>

North Country 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

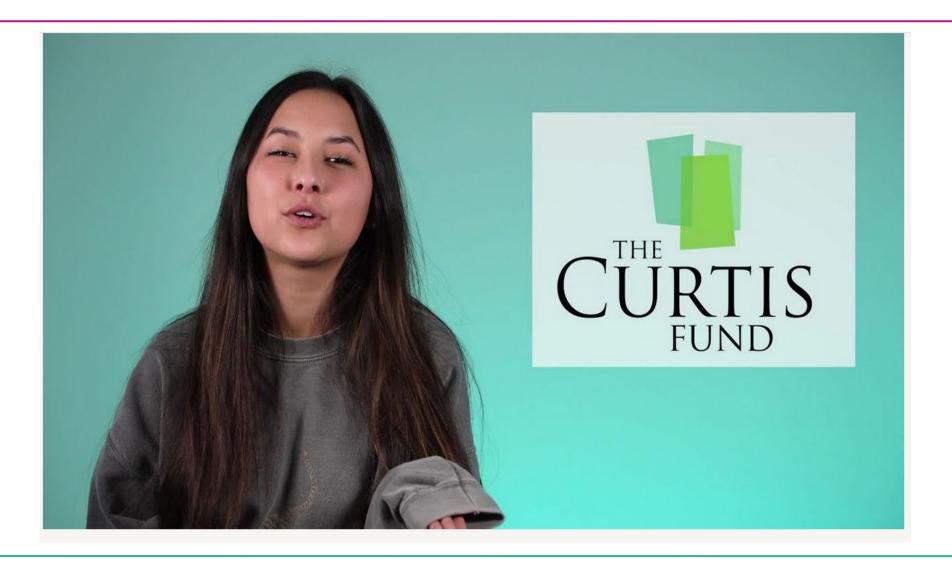
Tractor Safety and Operation





Student stories

video <u>link</u>





VSAC Financial Resources

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 <u>vermontjoblink.com</u>
- 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

