



# Pathways to a Great Career without a College Degree

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College & Career **Pathways**

# Careers you can start without a degree

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- Health Care- Nurse Assisting, Emergency Medical Tech, Phlebotomy
- Personal Services- Massage Therapist, Cosmetologist
- Trades- Carpentry, Plumbing, Electrician, Welder, HVAC Tech, Fiber Tech
- Transportation- Commercial Driver, Heavy Equipment Operator
- Manufacturing- CNC Machinist, Production Tech, Industrial Mechanic
- Culinary- Chef/Head Cook

# 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.



# Explore high paying in-demand options



## [VT's Most Promising Jobs](#)

The J. Warren and Lois McClure Foundation

# Credential Examples

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**LNA**-Licensed Nurse Assistant via Adult CTE or Medical Professions program

**EPA 608/609**-via Adult CTE or Auto, HVAC, or Plumbing programs

**CDL**-Commercial Drivers' License, via Adult CTE

**EMT**-Emergency Medical Technician, via Adult CTE or Public Safety program

**Phlebotomy Certification** - via Adult CTE

Site-specific examples:

Broadband-Newport

Aviation-Burlington

Massage Therapy - Bennington

# Adult CTE Class Options in High School

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## Individual Classes

- A class typically lasting a few sessions to help the student gain skills required for a specific job. Examples range from computer based to hands on. Some examples include 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, EMT, Cosmetology, and CDL. These are intensive programs which require a combination of classroom and hands-on training.

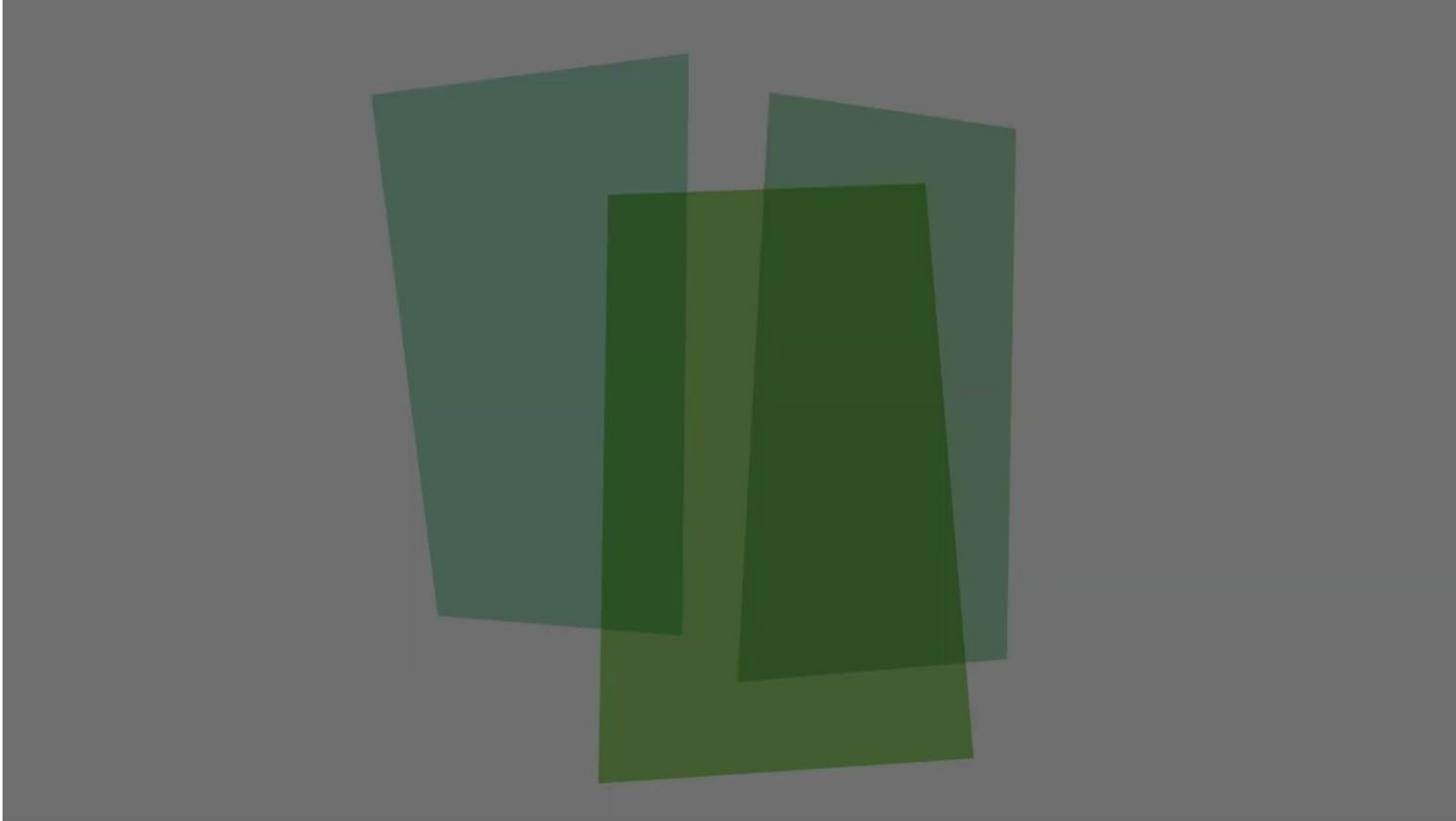
## Certificate Programs

- A certificate program is a group of related courses designed to provide students with entry-level workplace skills in a particular field. Examples include Phlebotomy, Massage Therapy, Medical Billing and Coding, and Clinical Medical Assisting.

# You can take an Adult CTE Class during OR after High School

**Hear Jesse's story:**

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# Vermont Adult Career & Technical Education Centers



17 Centers in Vermont

Info on each at [vtadultcte.org](http://vtadultcte.org)

or

Contact the CTE that serves your high school.



# Adult CTE Program Examples

## Widely Offered

Licensed Nurse Assistant

Welding

Commercial Driving

Phlebotomy

Dental Assisting

## Region Specific

Advanced Manufacturing-Springfield

Massage Therapy- Bennington

HVAC- Essex

Aviation- Burlington

Esthetician- Rutland

Natural Gas Tech- Middlebury

Fiber Optics- Newport

Butchering- Bennington



# Additional Technical Programs in Vermont

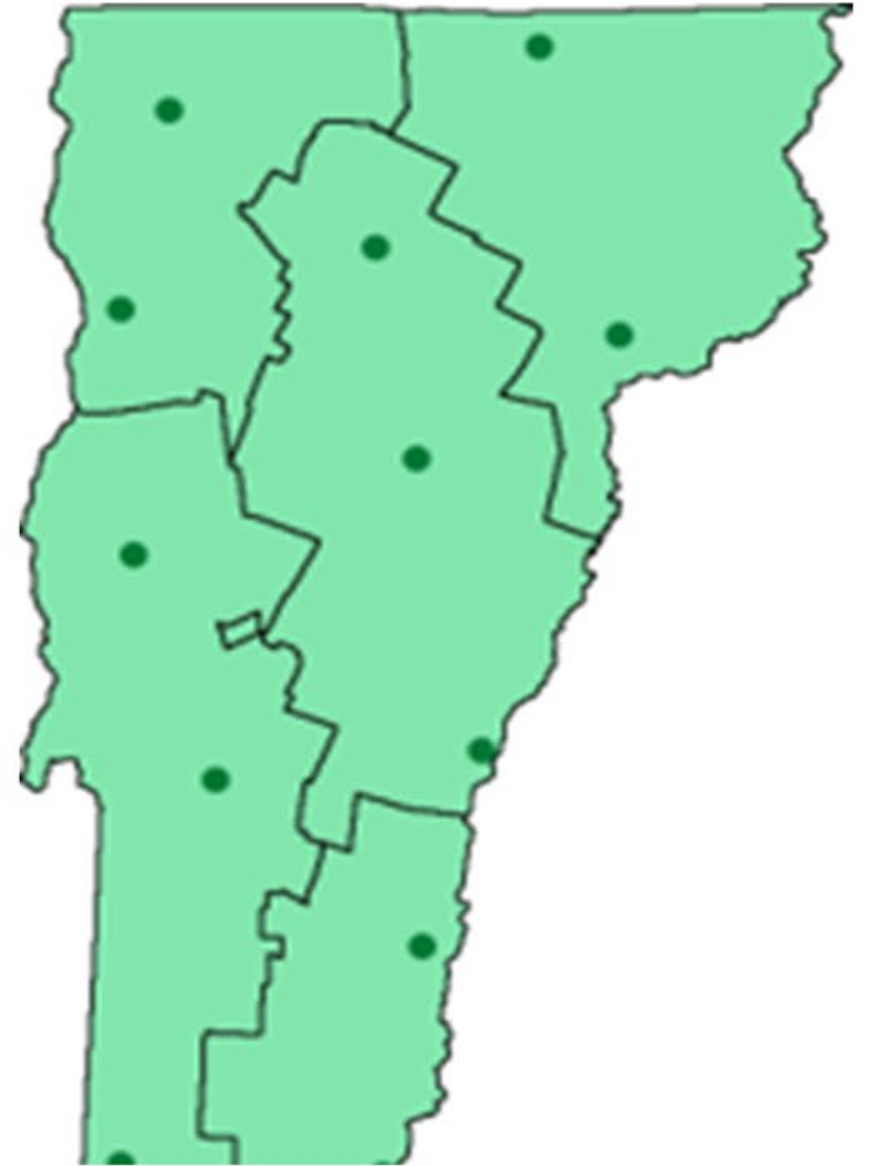
## *Vermont Career Training & Industry Recognized Credential Programs:*

- [Advanced Welding Institute](#)
- [CCV Apprenticeships](#)
- [CCV Credentials & Training](#)
- [CCV Degrees & Certificate Programs](#)
- [Champlain College Online Certificate Programs](#)
- [Champlain College Centers of Experience](#)
- [Commercial Driver Training](#)
- [Northlands Job Corps Center](#)
- [O'Briens Aveda Institute](#)
- [Saint Michael's College Certificate and Professional Endorsement Programs](#)
- [UVM Continuing and Distance Education](#)
- [Vermont State University Castleton Campus Certificate Programs](#)
- [Vermont State University Continuing Education at Johnson and Lyndon Campuses](#)
- [Vermont State University Continuing Education at the Randolph Campus](#)
- [Vermont Works for Women Construction Trades Program](#)
- [Yestermorrow Design/Build School](#)



# Vermont Department of Labor

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# American Job Center (AJC) Services

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## Comprehensive Employment Support

- Career Counseling
- Job Search Assistance
- Resume & Interview Prep

## Access to Training & Education

- Skill Development
- Paid Work Experience
- On-the-Job Training
- Tuition Assistance

## Free Resources

- Job Listings
- Technology
- Workshops
- Labor Market Information
- Career Planning

## Specialized Services

- Veterans Services
- Youth Programs
- Adult/Dislocated Worker

## Employer Connections

- Job Fairs
- Networking Opportunities
- Recruitment Events
- Job Referrals

# VSAC Financial Resources for Graduates

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**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

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**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.

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# Educational Opportunity Center (EOC)

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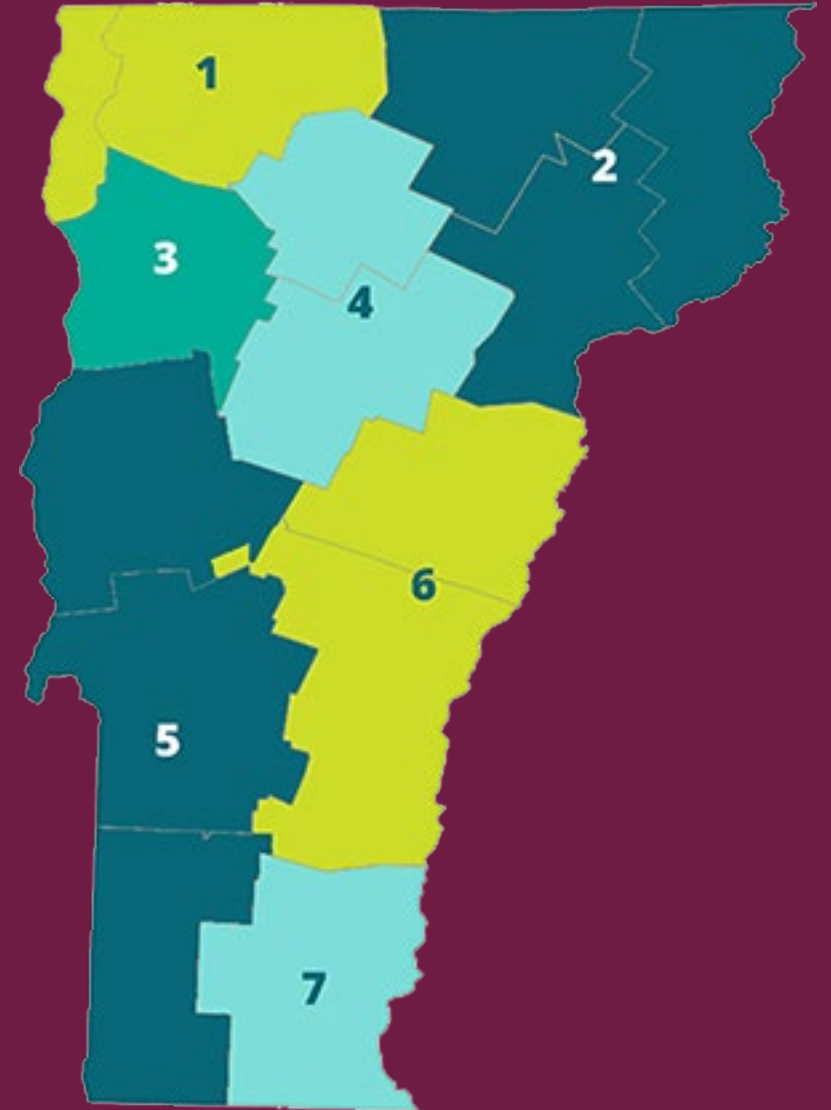
- VSAC's Educational Opportunity Center is a federally funded TRIO program that serves adults who do not yet have a 4-year degree
- 2/3 of the people EOC serve are the first generation in their family to pursue education/training after high school and have moderate income
- How can an EOC Counselor & VSAC Help?
  - Career Exploration
  - Education and Training
  - Financial Aid
  - Ongoing Support & Referrals



# 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



# Questions?

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We welcome all questions regarding short-term training and financial-aid.