



# Short-Term Training Opportunities & Alternative Career Pathways

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# Short-Term Training Opportunities

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## Thanks for joining!

You are in the *Short-Term Training Opportunities* breakout session. We will be getting started shortly. If you intended to be in a different session you can find the program with all the session links here: <https://bit.ly/3sdzRlB>

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# Workshop Overview

- Introductions & Overview of the EOC & Talent Search programs
- Choosing the right program for you
- Types of Short-Term Training
  - During High School
  - Post High School
- Examples of Certificate and Training Programs
- Funding - VSAC & Partner Organizations
- Questions and Answers

# VSAC Outreach Programs



## Talent Search & Gear-Up

- Over 16 counselors throughout Vermont
- Serves middle and high school students and provides resources, opportunities, knowledge, and financial aid assistance
- First-Generation and low to moderate income focus with some statewide services open to all Vermont students

## EOC – Educational Opportunity Center

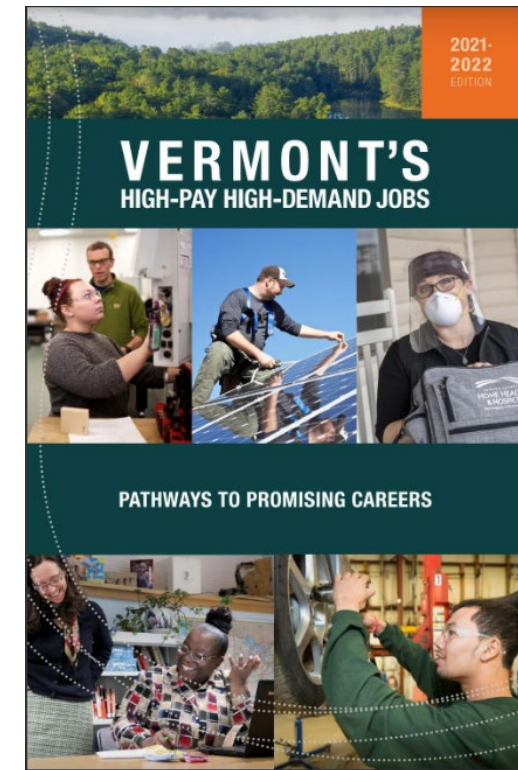
- 7 counselors serving all of Vermont
- Serves Adults and High School Seniors who do not yet have a 4-year degree
- First-Generation and low to moderate income focus

# Brightest Outlook Careers

“Telecommunications installers, real estate brokers, licensed practical nurses, HVAC mechanics, and computer support specialists—these are just a handful of the most promising jobs we can expect in Vermont over the next 10 years.”

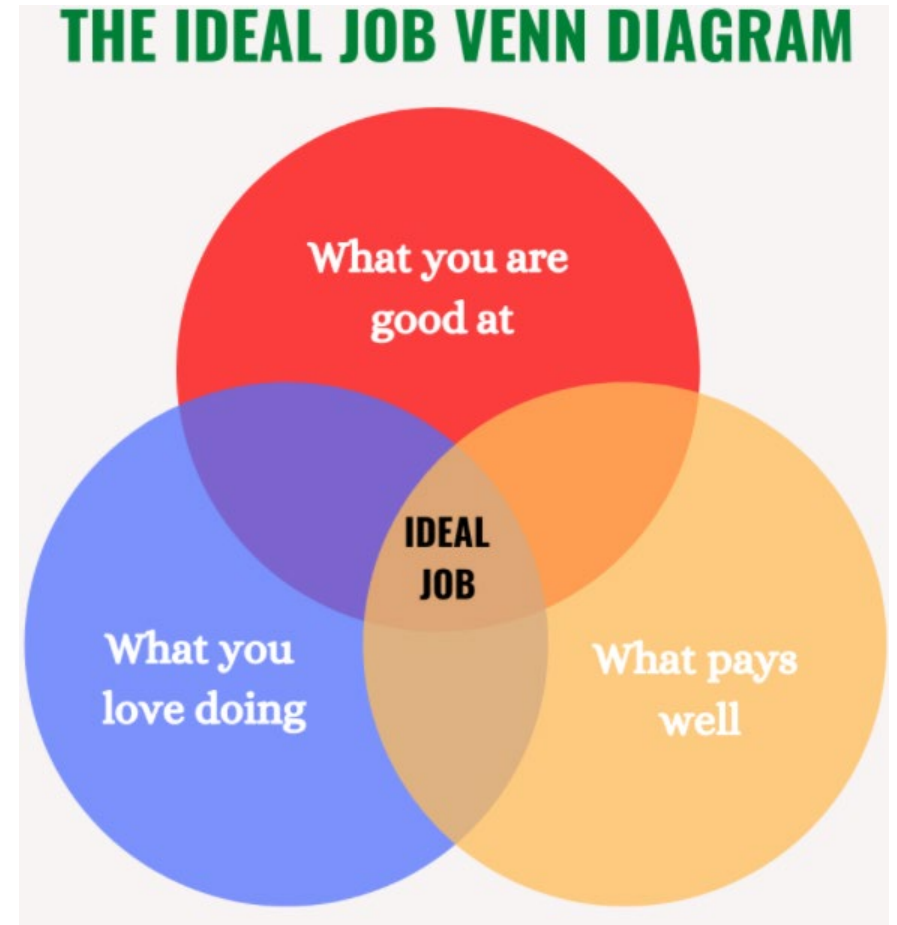
## Vermont's Most Promising Jobs

<https://mcclurevt.org/most-promising-jobs/>



# 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





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# Money Saving Training Opportunities For High School Students

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**Early College** – VT high school students can apply to one of several VT colleges and, if accepted, enroll full-time in a college program while completing high school requirements – tuition FREE!

**Dual Enrollment** – All Vermont high school students can take two FREE college classes while in high school earning college credit before graduating.

**Career and Tech Ed Certifications** – Our CTEs offer VT high school students the chance to earn career-ready certifications as well as college credit.

**Pre-Apprenticeship** – Offers our high school students a chance to meet some requirements of state approved apprenticeships.

## What is Early College Plus?

Students who enroll in CCV's Early College Plus\* program:

- Earn a certificate in one of 5 CCV certificate programs
- Receive a \$1,000 stipend to help cover the cost of books, fees, transportation or other college costs
- Receive specialized career and education counseling

\*Early College Plus is a collaboration between The Vermont Community Foundation, CCV and VSAC. Funding for the stipend is made possible by the VCF.

# Apprenticeships in Vermont

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## 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

- [Vermont Dept of Labor Apprenticeship Program](#)
- [Vermont Technical College Apprenticeship](#)
- [Community College of Vermont Apprenticeship](#)
- [YouTube video about Apprenticeship](#)

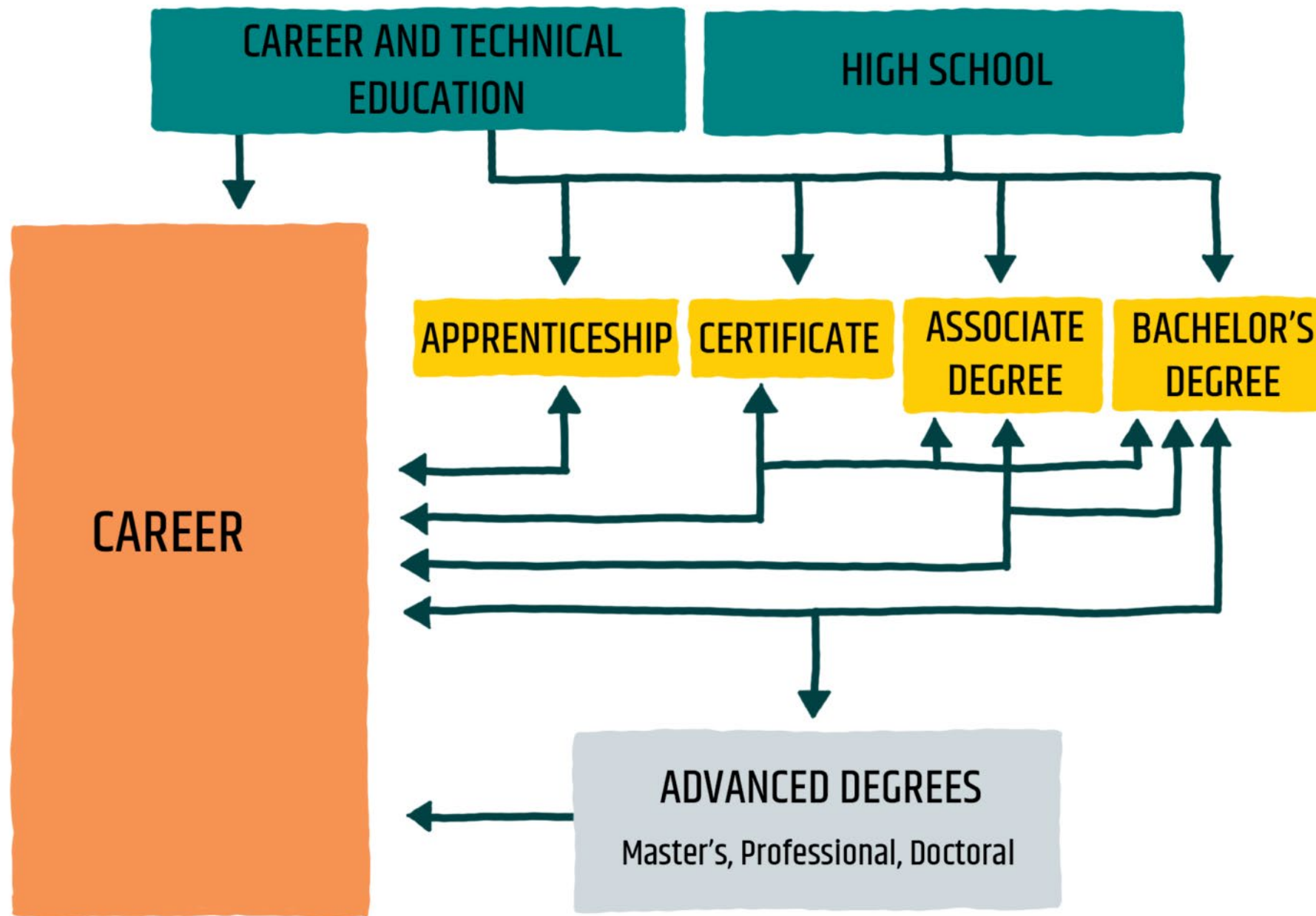
# Short-Term Training & Credentials of Value

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Can include any of the following.....

- ✓ **Individual Classes**
- ✓ **Short-Term Trainings which lead to Licensure**
- ✓ **Certificate Programs**

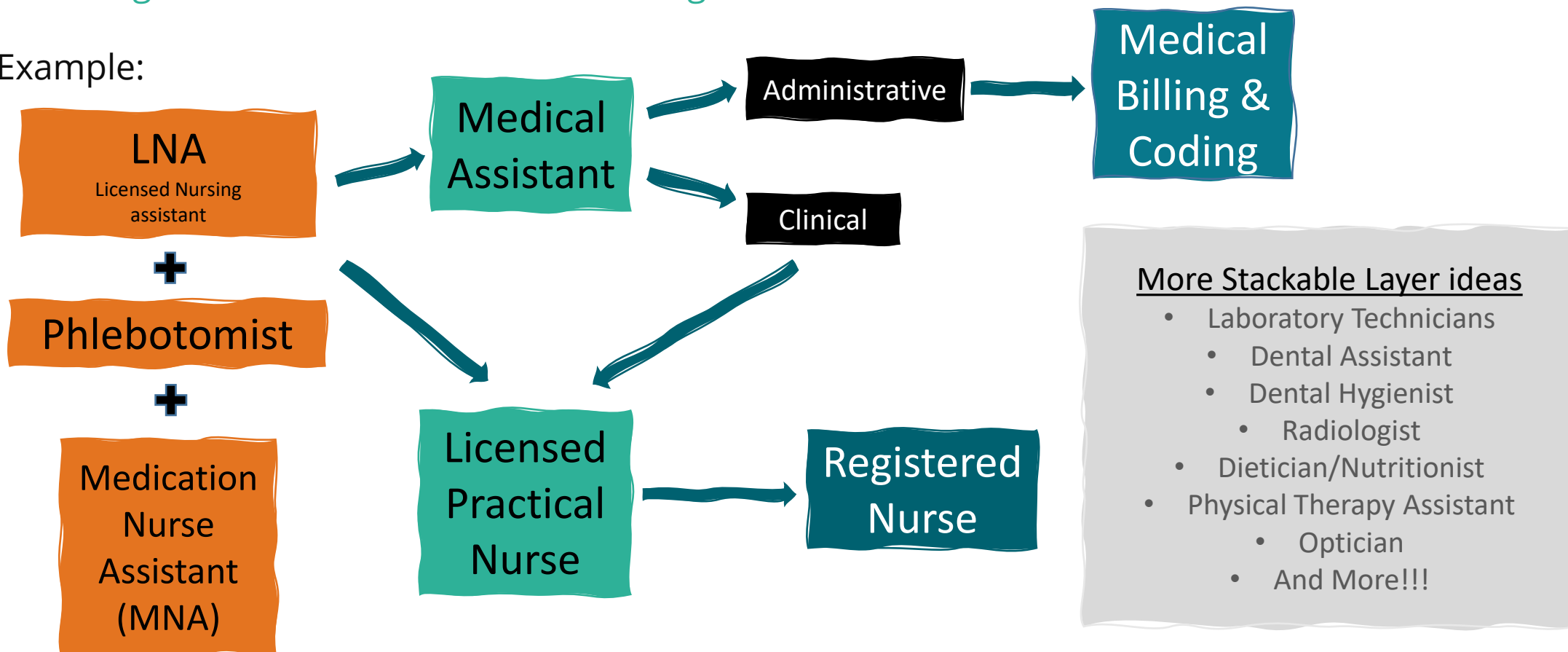




# Stackable Credentials & Career Pathways

A series of training, certifications, endorsements and licenses which together can assist the student with reaching additional education and career goals.

For Example:



# Short-Term Training through Vermont's Colleges

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Yes, colleges offer a wide variety of short-term training opportunities!

- ✓ **Individual Classes**
- ✓ **Short-Term Trainings which lead to Licensure**
- ✓ **Certificate Programs**

# Community College of Vermont

## Certification Programs



- [Administrative Medical Assisting](#)
- [Afterschool & Youth Work +](#)
- [Allied Health Preparation +](#)
- [Bookkeeping +](#)
- [Childcare +](#)
- [Clinical Medical Assisting](#)
- [Cloud Computing +](#)
- [Community Health +](#)
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- [IT Service Desk Specialist +](#)
- [Media Communications +](#)
- [Medical Billing & Coding +](#)
- [Pharmacy Technician](#)
- [STEM Studies +](#)
- [Studio Art](#)
- [Web Development +](#)
- [Workplace Skills +](#)

*Certificate programs marked with "+" can be completed fully online.*



# Vermont Technical College Certification Programs

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## CONTINUING EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

The Office of Continuing Education & Workforce Development (CEWD) provides accessible, career-focused education for lifelong success. CEWD helps students earn both certificates and nationally-recognized credentials.

- [Agriculture and Food Systems](#)
- [Business Learning and Development](#)
- [Career & Technical Teacher Education Program](#)
- [Electrical and Plumbing Apprenticeships](#)
- [Green Trainings](#)
- [Healthcare](#)
- [Human Resources](#)
- [Manufacturing](#)
- [Online Non-Credit Options](#)
- [Strengthening Working Families Initiative](#)



# There's a lot more out there!

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Vermont's network of colleges offer a wide variety of certificate training programs, and the variety and structure is changing!

In addition to VTC and CCV the institutions below offer many opportunities for professional development and certificates without requiring students to have a college degree. Additionally, many of the credentials offered are considered stackable and can be considered building blocks towards post-secondary degrees.

[UVM Continuing and Distance Education](#)

[Vermont State College Certificate Programs](#)

[Champlain College Online and Certificate Programs](#)

[Northern Vermont University Continuing Education](#)

[Castleton University Certificate Programs](#)

# Let's Pause.... Questions?

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# Short-Term Training through the many Vermont Training Centers

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Vermont has a large assortment of public and private training institutions with a wide-variety of training programs

- ✓ **Individual Classes**
- ✓ **Short-Term Trainings which lead to Licensure**
- ✓ **Industry Recognized Credentials**



# Vermont Career & Technical Education Centers

**VT Adult Career & Technical Education** 16 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 Vermont Career Development Center](#)

[St Johnsbury Academy Technical Center](#)

[Stafford Technical Center](#)

[Windham Regional Career Center](#)

# There is so much out there!

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[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 program that meet basic criteria for quality and outcomes. This list includes information regarding location, cost and associated credentials.

[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.

[Career Focused Programs](#) – Vermont has many programs focused on specific career training. For example, CDL, Massage Therapy, Building, Computer Professions – too many to list here!



# VSAC Financial Aid Resources

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## Grants & Scholarships

**The Vermont Advancement Grant** - The Vermont Advancement Grant (*formerly known as the Non-Degree Grant*) is intended to help Vermonters enhance job skills that improve employability or to provide non-traditional students with an introduction to a post-secondary educational program. The maximum award for the 22-23 academic year is \$3000.

**The Vermont Grant** – For those programs that qualify for Title IV (traditional college funding), a VSAC 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.

**VSAC Scholarships** – VSAC helps administer over 150 scholarships for Vermonters pursuing non-degree and college opportunities. Learn more at [here](#)

**The Curtis COV Training Scholarship** - Can cover \$500-\$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 Adult CTE Scholarship** – Provides up to \$1000 for any Vermont adult accessing training through a CTE center

# Additional Funding and Support Resources

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- [Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act \(WIOA\)](#)
- [HireAbility Vermont](#)
- [The Veterans Administration](#)
- [Reach-Up](#)
- [Additional Funding Resources from Statewide and Local Organizations](#)



*“My budget includes \$10 million to reduce education costs for those working towards jobs in the trades”*

From Governor Phil Scott’s 2022 Budget

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Scholarship Status Dashboard – as of October 13, 2021

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY	STATUS	NOTES
<u>Critical Occupations Scholarship</u>	AVAILABLE	Limited funds available
<u>Welcome Home Scholarship</u>	AVAILABLE	
<u>Degree Completion Scholarship</u>	AVAILABLE	
<u>Green Mountain Grad Gift</u>	AVAILABLE	Available to students who haven’t already received a Green Mountain Grad Gift
<u>802 Opportunity Grant</u>	AVAILABLE	
<u>Free Training for Vermonters</u>	AVAILABLE	Limited Funds available
<u>Cares Grant</u>	AVAILABLE	

# In Summary – Opportunities Galore!

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- ✓ There are a tremendous amount of training and apprenticeship opportunities available to Vermonters
- ✓ There is financial assistance available to assist with the cost of training programs
- ✓ There are people and agencies ready and eager to help you figure out your next steps

# Linking some resources in the chat

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- [Workshop Resource Page](#) – Use this resource for furthering your own research on the variety of training programs and funding available.

# Questions?

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

Feel free to raise your hand or type your questions in the chat feature.

- Thank you for attending! The recording from this session will be posted to [vsac.org/ccp](https://vsac.org/ccp) within the next week. You have a short break before the next workshops start at 11:30am. You can find all the links for the next workshops in the program here: [link to program](#).

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