

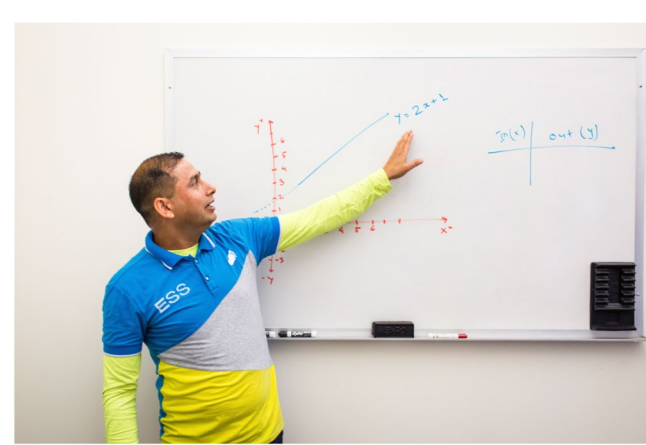


Short-Term Training Options

Presenters:

Educational Opportunity Center Counselors

College & Career **Pathways**



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
- Exploring Online Learning
- 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.



Short-Term Training & Credentials of Value

Can include any of the following.....

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.

Types of Short-Term Training Continued

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

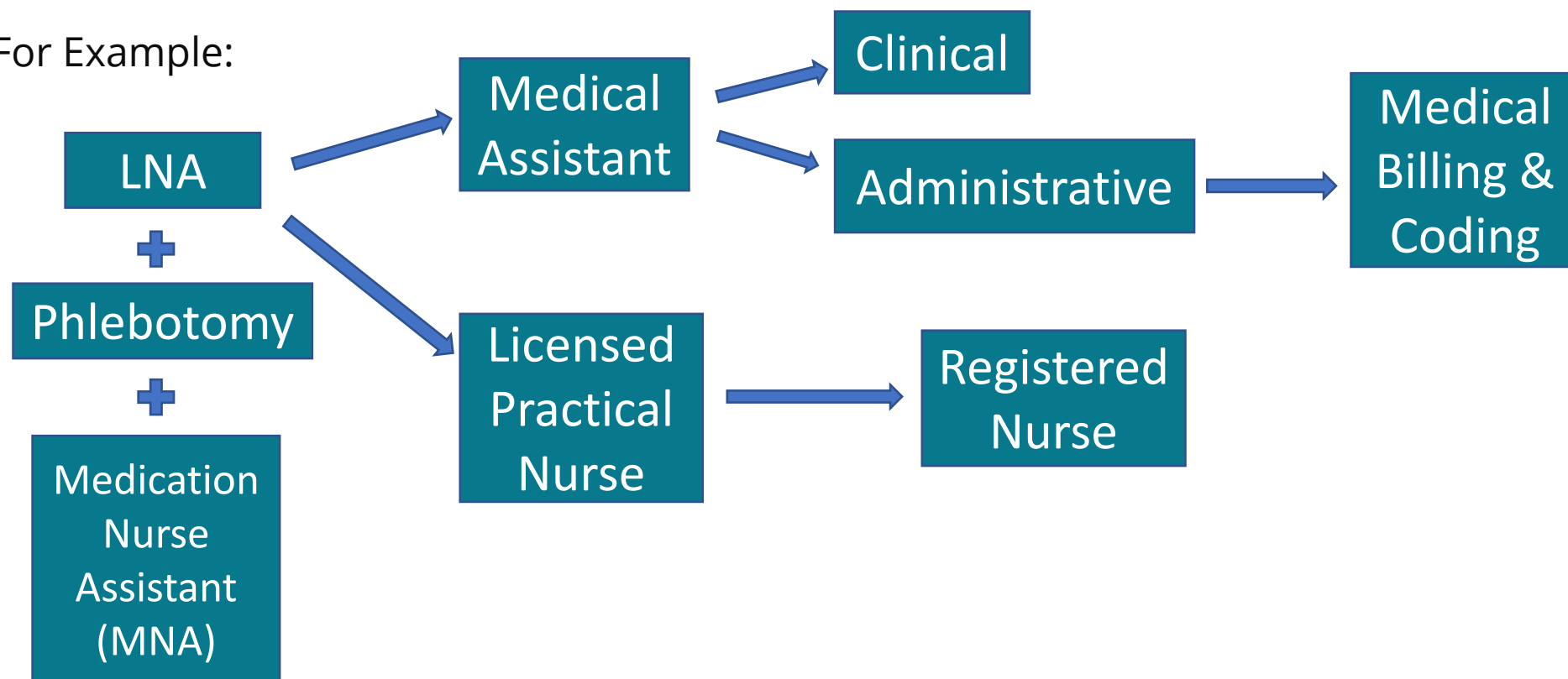
- [VDOL Apprenticeship Program](#)
- [Vermont Technical College](#)
- [Community College of Vermont](#)

Types of Short-Term Training Continued

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:



Community College of Vermont Certification Programs

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

- [Afterschool & Youth Work +](#)
- [Allied Health Preparation +](#)
- [Bookkeeping +](#)
- [Childcare +](#)
- [Clinical Medical Assisting](#)
- [Cloud Computing +](#)
- [Community Health +](#)
- [Cybersecurity Fundamentals +](#)
- [Digital Media Production +](#)
- [Early Childhood Education Administrator +](#)
- [Entrepreneurship +](#)
- [Funeral Director +](#)
- [Graphic Design +](#)
- [Human Resource Management +](#)
- [IT Service Desk Specialist +](#)
- [Media Communications +](#)
- [Medical Billing & Coding +](#)
- [Pharmacy Technician](#)
- [STEM Studies +](#)
- [Studio Art](#)
- [Web Development +](#)
- [Workplace Skills +](#)



VT State University: Vermont Technical College Certification Programs

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.

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



Other Colleges in Vermont Certification Programs

Vermont's network of colleges offer a wide variety of certificate training programs. 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](#)

[Northern Vermont University Continuing Education](#)

[Castleton State College Certificate Programs](#)

[Saint Michael's College](#)

[Champlain College Centers for Experience](#)

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 Vermont Career Development Center](#)

[St Johnsbury Academy Technical Center](#)

[Stafford Technical Center](#)

[Windham Regional Career Center](#)

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 program 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.

Considerations when choosing an online program

- Readiness for online training
- Choosing a certification or credential
- Length and schedule of training time
- Cost of attendance, affordability and financial aid resources available
- Support services available
- Program format (accelerated/hybrid/completely online)
- Required technology (computer hardware, software and internet requirements)
- Accreditation and industry recognized credentials

VSAC Resources

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 students with an introduction to a post-secondary educational program. Up to \$3000 for billable tuition & fees in 22-23 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.

Critical Occupations- Covers tuition for specific programs at VT State College institutions for students with family income less than \$150,000.

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](#)
- [Additional Funding Resources from Statewide and Local Organizations](#)

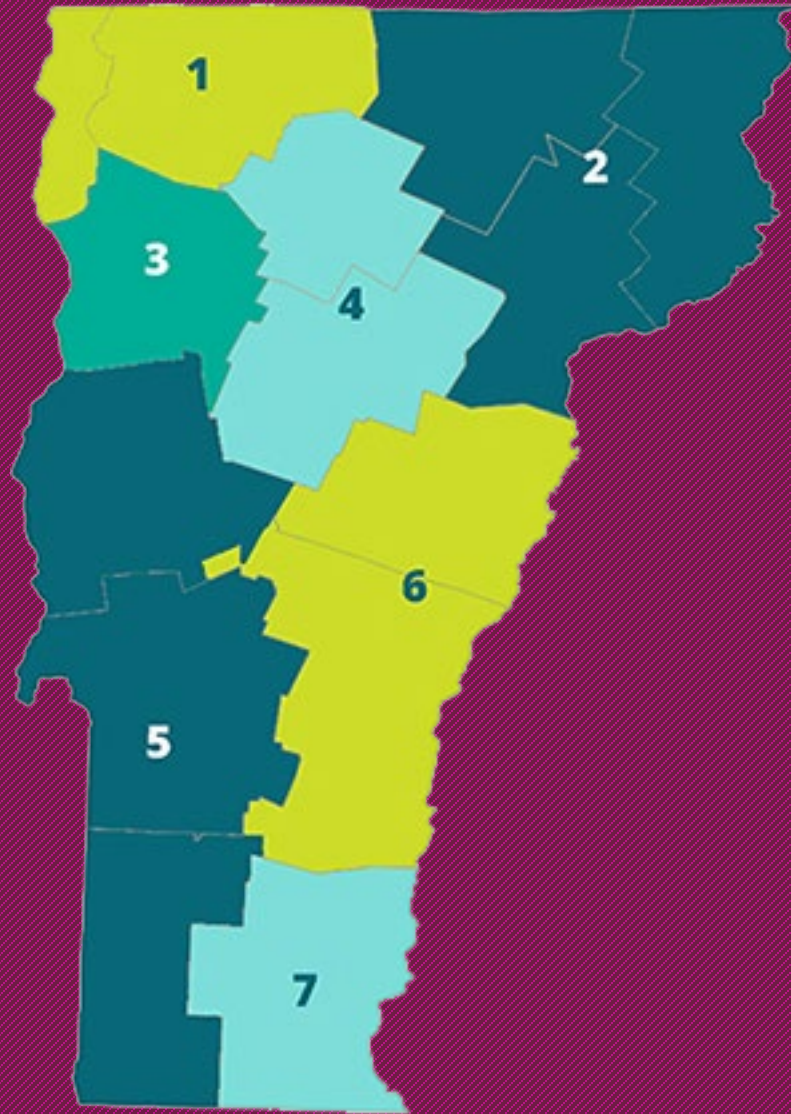
Questions?

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**
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directly contact an EOC
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