

Short-Term Training Options

Educational Opportunity Center (EOC)

- VSAC's Educational Opportunity Center (EOC) is a federally funded TRIO program that helps **adults** who are modest income and first in their family to pursue postsecondary.
- An EOC Counselor can help with career exploration, pursuing education and training, financial aid, and community referrals
- Find out more at <u>vsac.org/about/our-outreach-programs/educational-opportunity-center</u>

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

- <u>VDOL Apprenticeship Program</u>: https://labor.vermont.gov/apprenticeship
- <u>VTSU Randolph</u>: https://cewd.vtc.edu/cewd/electrical-plumbing-apprenticeships/
- <u>Community College of Vermont</u>: https://ccv.edu/explore-ccv-programs/registered-apprenticeships/

Vermont Adult Career & Technical Education Centers

https://vtadultcte.org/

17 regional centers provide online and in-person career training and certification for both high school students and adults

Vermont Institutions Offering Certificate Programs:

- <u>Vermont's Education and Training Programs</u>: https://www.myfuturevt.org/vermonteducation-training-programs/
- Community College of Vermont (CCV): https://ccv.edu/academics/programs/
- <u>Vermont State University (VTSU)</u>: https://vermontstate.edu/academics/programscourses/certificates/
- <u>University of Vermont (UVM)</u>: https://learn.uvm.edu/
- <u>Saint Michael's College</u>: https://www.smcvt.edu/academics/online-programs/certificates/
- <u>Middlebury College</u>: https://www.middlebury.edu/institute/academics/certificates
- Champlain College Online: https://online.champlain.edu/degrees-certificates
- Norwich Online: https://online.norwich.edu/

Additional Short-Term Training Programs

<u>Vermont WIOA Eligible Training Provider List</u>: https://www.vermontjoblink.com/search/providers 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:

https://dmv.vermont.gov/driver-training/cdl-driver-training-schools

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: https://www.ed2go.com/

Offers hundreds of online classes, career training programs, and certification prep courses.

Financial Resources

Vermont is investing millions of dollars in state funding to address Vermont's workforce shortage. This funding can reduce or eliminate tuition and other fees to help eligible students afford the degree or training they need to pursue the career they want.

Funding and Support Resources:

- <u>Interest free-forgivable loans</u>: https://www.vsac.org/workforce-development-funding#interest-free
- <u>802Opportunity</u>: https://www.vsac.org/workforce-development-funding#802
- Advancement Grant: https://www.vsac.org/workforce-development-funding#grant
- <u>Department of Labor Job Centers</u>: https://labor.vermont.gov/workforce-development/job-centers
- <u>HireAbilityVT</u>: https://www.hireabilityvt.com/
- <u>The Veterans Administration</u>: https://veterans.vermont.gov/benefits-and-services/transition-assistance
- Reach-Up: https://dcf.vermont.gov/benefits/reachup