

SNAP2Work

In today's job market, almost everyone could use a little extra help finding a job. Now, recipients of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as the food stamp program, can receive the help they need to find a new career path with the SNAP2Work program at Tri-County Technical College.

SNAP2Work is a Department of Social Services (DSS) program geared towards providing current SNAP participants with the training and skills needed to become qualified for jobs that are currently available in the region and our community.

The program teaches participants how to find and keep a job, provides WorkKeys® testing, and also provides education and vocational training to help develop the skills required for those careers.

"Currently there are jobs available in our area, but not enough people trained to do the work," said Richard Cothran, Dean of Corporate and Community Education at TCTC.

According to the South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce, it is estimated that 45% of the jobs available in South Carolina require some vocational training, but only 29% of people in the state are qualified for those jobs. Getting quick training on these jobs puts students in a prime position for being hired into a new career.

The Corporate and Community Education division at TCTC is now offering a number of SNAP2Work-eligible vocational training and certification programs, in classrooms and online, including: Welding, Production Technician, Heavy Equipment Operator, Electrician Program, Patient Care Technician, Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), Pre-Highway Construction Specialist, Truck Driving, Basic CNC Operator, Office Skills, and Culinary. Individuals who wish to register for these programs will start with their WorkKeys® Certificate, which is a part of the initial segment of all of the training programs - the "Get Ready" phase. Many of the local employers seek out those who have the WorkKeys® certificate. Many of the SNAP2Work training programs can be completed in just a few weeks to a few months. Tuition assistance is available for those who qualify.

"The goal of this program is to provide vocational training that will lead to lasting employment," said Cothran. "The exciting part is that we already have some businesses and industries in the area who have committed to hiring trained individuals from our programs."

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