



WorkFast Program

Helping Minnesota Workers Rebound

To help Minnesota workers rebound from layoffs, HTC's Customized Training Services (CTS) is developing WorkFast programs that offer short-term, intense training that leads to employment. Working with partners in industry, education, government, and non-profit organizations, Customized Training Services is utilizing all available resources to address employment and training needs during these challenging economic times.

"Our goal is to help individuals build competitive skills that prepare them for career opportunities," said Cherie Rollings, director of operations for Customized Training Services, adding that employers often contact the college when they need to hire individuals with specific skills. The jobs aren't advertised, but some firms are hiring.

Making connections

To make the most of available resources, laid off workers should connect with the Minnesota Workforce Center in their area. It's the place to determine if an individual qualifies as a dislocated worker and to find out what training and funding may be available. "Individuals need to make that a real priority," advises Rollings, "because workforce center counselors are backlogged and getting in for an appointment for a consultation may take several weeks."

Individuals who specifically want information about HTC may contact the HTC Admissions Office to learn about training programs and the enrollment process.



Manufacturing and more

WorkFast programs offer a variety of choices for individuals who want to build entry-level skills or want to upgrade current skills. Following are descriptions of a few WorkFast training programs.

CNC and Swiss Machining – This program introduces students to the fundamentals of computer numerical control (CNC) milling and turning, including basic CNC operation and conversational programming. Salary range is based on experience, with highly skilled workers earning \$14 to \$32.

Welding – Participants earn an Occupational Certificate in MIG Welding, preparing them for an entry-level position as a production welder. Salary range is \$11 to \$18 per hour.

More information about all of the WorkFast programs is available at www.hennepintech.edu/cts/workfast.htm. Check back often as CTS continues to develop and offer additional training programs.

- Bio-manufacturing & Medical Device Manufacturing
- Cisco Certified Network Administrators (CCNA)
- JAVA Certification Training
- M-Powered Plastics
- M-Powered Metals
- Welding
- CNC and Swiss Machining
- SolidWorks/ AutoCAD/Pro-Engineering
- Bindery Technician
- Building Operator Certification
- Energy Efficiency Technician
- MS Applications – Bloomington Workforce Center
- Automated Machinery Tech/ Automation Robotics
- Forklift Training
- Crane Operators
- Auto Service

Short-term training for transitional workers

At Customized Training Services, we are working hard with our partners in industry, education, government and non-profit organizations to develop Hennepin Technical College's (HTC) WorkFast Programs – short-term intense training programs that lead to employment – for Minnesota workers. Our goal is to offer quality, stackable training that results in competitive skills leading to new and enhanced opportunities for graduates. In these economically challenging times, we need to utilize all workforce resources available to help address these employment and training needs.

Workfast Programs Currently Available	Level	Key Contact
Bio-manufacturing & Medical Device Manufacturing	Entry & Skill Upgrade	Katherine Sellner: Katherine.sellner@hennepintech.edu
Mobile Crane Operator Certification Training	Entry & Skill Upgrade	Tom Vosberg: Tom.vosberg@hennepintech.edu
Forklift Training	Entry	
Construction Mobile Equipment School	Entry & Skill Upgrade	
Cisco Certified Network Administrators (CCNA)	Skill Upgrade	Therese Salber: Therese.salber@hennepintech.edu
JAVA Certification Training	Skill Upgrade	
M-Powered Plastics	Entry	Rich Kelly: Rich.kelly@hennepintech.edu
M-Powered Metals	Entry	
Welding	Entry & Skill Upgrade	
CNC and Swiss Machining	Skill Upgrade	
SolidWorks / AutoCAD / Pro-Engineering	Skill Upgrade	Suzanne Ciebiera: Suzanne.ciebiera@hennepintech.edu
Bindery Technician	Entry & Skill Upgrade	
Building Operator Certification	Skill Upgrade	
Energy Efficiency Technician	Skill Upgrade	
MS Applications – Bloomington Workforce Center	Entry & Skill Upgrade	
Automated Machinery Tech / Automation Robotics	Entry & Skill Upgrade	Joe Fredkove: Joe.Fredkove@hennepintech.edu

Visit the M-Powered website to learn more – www.m-powered.info