

Postsecondary Training Options: FastForward Career Training Program

FastForward is a short-term credential and certification workforce training program for the 40 most in-demand jobs across Virginia. FastForward programs are designed for those who would like to get a job or advance their career quickly and affordably. All 23 Virginia community colleges offer some FastForward in-person and online courses. Each college's course offerings are specific to the needs of its local community.

General Information

Age Requirements: Must meet the minimum age requirement of the qualifying training program.

Residential Requirements: Must be a continuous resident of Virginia for at least one year and meet the Virginia Domicile requirements.

Duration: Most programs take 6-12 weeks to complete and are designed so that participants can work while taking courses.

Costs: Costs vary depending on the program selected. FastForward Career Coaches are available to help find financial assistance.

Career Cluster Connection

The following industries, sample programs, and credentials are included at various community colleges:

Logistics and Transportation

- Commercial Driver's License (CDL)
- ASE Entry-Level Medium/Heavy Truck Diesel Engines

Healthcare

- Certified Nursing Aide (CNA)
- Certified Medical Assistant
- Phlebotomy Technician

Welding and Manufacturing

- Electricity
- HVAC
- Certificated Welder

Skilled Trades

- NCCER Carpentry I & II
- Contractor's License
- NCCER Masonry I & II

Education

- EducateVA (Alternate Teacher Licensure)

Information Technology

- CompTIA A+
- CompTIA Network+
- CompTIA Security+

Business and Customer Service

- Project Management Professional (PMP)
- Customer Service

Learn More

Review the [FastForward](#) website to learn more about the programs.

In addition to financial aid provided by the Virginia General Assembly, research other [opportunities to pay](#) for FastForward programs.

Read this article from the National Conference of State Legislatures about implementing [Virginia's FastForward Credentialing Program](#).