

Upcoming Credentialing and Apprenticeship Opportunities

St. Louis Regional Youth Employment Coalition
Blueprint4Careers

We are living in an age of uncertainty, with unprecedented historical events happening on a constant basis. Educational institutions and training programs remain committed to providing you with the tools you need to launch a successful career throughout this uncertain time. If you are looking for a training program after high school graduation or are a recent graduate without a clear next step, below are several outstanding training opportunities in the St. Louis region that have upcoming start dates in the summer or early fall. Please know that you are not alone, and that you have options regarding your future. We hope that the list below serves as a blueprint for your next steps:

Last Updated: 5/5/2020. If a program has recommenced recruitment/operations and is not currently listed below, please email Nataly Garzon at nataly.garzon@stl.unitedway.org

Upcoming and Continuing Educational Opportunities

Building Union Diversity

The Building Union Diversity Program offers enrollees a comprehensive introduction to construction employment and careers and provides relevant national skills certification training, with a focus on job safety. Once participants have successfully completed the training, they are enrolled in the BCTC employer/contractor database. The database serves as a pool of pre-qualified workers at various skill levels and proficiencies and is used by the construction owners and others in supporting the workforce inclusion goals that they are expected to meet and/or exceed, particularly in public supported construction projects. Program graduate success is tracked after graduation, and the data indicates that over 85% of graduates have a placement rate during the first three years of the program. Because several training facilities are located beyond reach of public transportation, travel assistance is provided to ensure program completion.

[Building Union Diversity Program](#)

Next Start Date: August 3, 2020

Application Deadline: [Apply Now!](#)

Brief Program Summary:

COVID-19 is having a disproportionate effect on the building trades, their training facilities, and construction contractors. The last BUD graduating class, BUD 19, completed their 5-week training at around the same time that social distancing guidelines were put in place. Many contractors have instituted temporary hiring freezes and several trades training facilities closed to keep their members and staff safe. Given this context, BUD cancelled several planned cohorts for the Spring and early Summer of 2020. As our new normal is evolving, BUD is scheduled to begin the next cohort on August 3, 2020 and run through September 4th. Interviews will be conducted on July 29th. Certain WorkKeys scores are required to gain admittance into the program. If you would like additional prep for this test, please reach out to the University City Adult Education and Literacy Program. [Linked here](#) is a flyer for WorkKeys additional support. For more information, please contact Leslie Keaveny at lekeaveny@ucityschools.org or at (314) 392-9232.

CyberUp

CyberUp is a nonprofit whose mission is to cultivate the cybersecurity talent pipeline. Cybersecurity is a growing industry. It has great opportunities for career advancement, growth, and job security. CyberUp's Registered Apprenticeship program is reducing the cybersecurity talent shortage by enabling people to start their cybersecurity career, regardless of prior educational background. CyberUp has several programs, expanding school aged student's exposure to the cybersecurity field and training individuals for specific cybersecurity roles. Below are specific programs that are accepting applications with fall start dates that will propel candidates into a rewarding IT career.

CyberUp Pre-Apprenticeship Program

Next Start Date: Fall 2020

Application Deadline: [Apply Now!](#) First step is to attend a virtual info session. Information to register for the next two sessions are listed below:

CyberUp Info Session

[Tue, Jun 2, 2020 10:00 AM - 11:30 am](#)

CyberUp Info Session

[Wed, Jun 3, 2020 2:00 PM - 3:30 pm](#)

Brief Program Summary:

CyberUp's pre-apprenticeship program is a part-time class in the evening. This allows students to learn while holding down a day job. The CyberUp Pre-Apprenticeship Program prepares candidates for success in CyberUp's apprenticeship program. To qualify, candidates do not need any previous IT or cybersecurity experience, need to be 18 years and older, have a GED or high school diploma, and should be eligible to work in the United States. The training program provides participants a self-paced CompTIA A+ curriculum, which individuals need to pass in order to enter the CyberUp apprenticeship program. The program also encompasses an 8-week instructor lead CompTIA Network + class, and an 8-week instructor lead CompTIA Security+ course. Individuals need to commit to at least one night a week of coursework from 6pm to 9pm. By the end of the pre-apprenticeship training program, individuals will obtain the skills required to start the CyberUp Cybersecurity Analyst Registered Apprenticeship Program as well as the CompTIA Security+ certification. If needed, CyberUp can connect students to transportation, childcare resources, and other supports.

[CyberUp Apprenticeship Program](#)

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Brief Program Summary:

CyberUp's Apprenticeship program is a regular full-time job. In order to qualify for the apprenticeship program, candidates need to pass CyberUp's assessment test that covers CompTIA A+ material, have a High School diploma, Associates or bachelor's degree in any field, and have basic technical competency. The program includes 2,000 hours of on-the-job training, 580 hours of online curriculum, and provides a starting pay of at least \$15/hour. By the end of the apprenticeship, individuals will earn a Department of

Labor certification and at least one more industry recognized certification. If needed, CyberUp can connect students to transportation, childcare resources, and other supports.

NPower

NPower is a non-profit that creates pathways to economic prosperity by launching digital careers for military veterans and young adults from underserved communities. In today's economy, over 50% of all jobs require some degree of technology and digital skill, and this is expected to grow to 77% by 2020 in the U.S. Yet the job market is not keeping pace. Of the nearly 6 million jobs expected to require tech skills in the future, labor statistics project a candidate pool of only 3.2 million. NPower provides local training in the St. Louis region. Located on the campuses of Harris-Stowe State University (HSSU) and St. Louis Community College, NPower Missouri provides FREE technology training and development to young adult job seekers, offering an alternative fast-track to tech jobs with employers committed to hiring diverse IT talent.

IT Tech Fundamentals

Next Start Date: Fall 2020

Application Deadline: [Apply Now!](#)

This tuition-FREE program offers all the skills and coaching you need to jumpstart your career in technology. The program includes 16-week hands-on class instruction, a 7-week paid internship, the opportunity to earn industry-recognized CompTIA certifications, mentoring from senior-level IT professionals, career development workshops, job placement assistance, the opportunity to earn an IT Generalist Apprenticeship credential provided by the U.S. Department of Labor, range of social service and personal development support, and access to an elite and supportive alumni network. Please note that participants will be required to participate in 4-hour classes running Monday through Friday. This is a 23-week program. Applications for the fall cohort are considered on a rolling basis until the class is filled. The subsequent program will run in the Spring of 2021. [Click here to apply](#), and feel free to reach out to their admissions team if you have any other questions: admissionsstlouis@npower.org or call (314) 735-2291.

Ranken Technical College

Ranken Technical College is a private technical college in St. Louis, Missouri. It offers programs in five main divisions: Automotive, Electrical, Construction, Information Technology, and Manufacturing. The school has a student body consisting of approximately 2,300 students.

- Based upon current recommendations from the appropriate authorities, Ranken is planning on starting their Summer Semester on June 1st and Fall Semester in late August. Ranken is continuously monitoring the public health situation and will adjust plans if needed, but currently expects to maintain their summer and fall plans. Applications are still accepted for their fall classes.
- [Schedule a virtual admissions meeting via this link.](#)
- [Link to begin Ranken application.](#)
- If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Ranken at admissions@ranken.edu

St. Louis Community College

St. Louis Community College is a public community college in St. Louis, Missouri. STLCC has four campuses in the St. Louis region. STLCC is committed to helping every person earn a degree or certificate in the field of their dreams. To achieve this goal, STLCC offers both associate degree programs as well as accelerated job training opportunities.

In the wake of COVID-19, STLCC has moved all courses to an online format to protect the health and safety of all members of their community. [Linked here](#) a continually updated STLCC website which is keeping students and community members informed of their evolving COVID response.

Degree Seeking Programs and Coursework

If you're looking to complete an associate degree, a certificate, or transfer credits to another institution, you are degree seeking. STLCC is still accepting applications for their degree seeking programs and coursework. [Linked here](#) is the STLCC application portal and [linked here](#) is contact information to specifically reach out to the admissions department.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITY: Accelerate your progress towards starting a degree or completing your program this summer even as you remain at home during these uncertain times. STLCC is offering scholarships for new (first-time in college or transfer) and returning degree-seeking students. The scholarship will cover your first three-hour class at the in-district rate. [Apply now!](#)

Accelerated Job Training

St. Louis Community College offers industry-specific training in partnership with local employers to help individuals train for in-demand occupations. Programs range from a couple of weeks to over a year. Individuals that complete these programs graduate with industry recognized credentials that allow them to apply for jobs that require additional training beyond high school, but less than a four-year degree. [Linked here](#) is the full list of STLCC accelerated job training programs. A number of these opportunities rely on in-person classes, so have been impacted by social distancing guidelines. Please note that the COVID-19 pandemic is ever evolving, and STLCC is working incredibly hard to provide their programs while also keeping everyone safe. Anticipated start dates may have to be pushed back, or new opportunities may become available as the situation progresses. **To keep the most up to date with the accelerated training program offerings at STLCC, sign up for the training specific newsletter.** You can sign up by texting **STLCCaccelerated** to **22828** and provide your email address. At the beginning of each month, you'll receive an emailed list of upcoming accelerated training programs. Easily unsubscribe at any time. Text message and data rates may apply.

There are, however, programs that have been able to maintain operations and shifted coursework to virtual learning. Below is a list of upcoming accelerated job training programs and their specific anticipated start dates.

Upcoming STLCC Accelerated Job Training Opportunities

Community Health Worker

Next Start Date: Fall 2020

Application Deadline: August 2020

Brief Program Summary:

This 16-week, non-credit program combines 128 hybrid classroom hours with 60 service-learning hours. The classroom instruction covers topics such as the role of community health workers, public health, chronic disease management, mental health, health outreach, community organizing and advocacy, client-centered counseling, conducting client interviews, care management and home visits. The service-learning experience provides individuals with the opportunity to learn and participate in resource gathering, networking and outreach, and job shadowing. Upon successful completion of the CHW

training program, candidates are eligible to apply for the Community Health Worker credential through the Missouri Credentialing Board. [Learn more about the program and apply today!](#)

CDL-A Professional Truck Driving

Next Start Date: Tentatively June 22

Application Deadline: [Apply Now!](#) (deadline to apply is June 16)

Brief Program Summary:

STLCC's comprehensive truck driving program helps prepare you for a well-paying career in commercial truck driving, one of the fastest growing opportunities in the United States today. Gain substantial knowledge and practical skills needed to become an entry-level over-the-road or local truck driver. STLCC's thorough curriculum exceeds the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Proposed Minimum Standards for Training Tractor Trailer Drivers, ensuring you receive training and behind-the-wheel experience employers' value. The program currently is tentatively scheduled to start its next cohort on June 22nd, but this is dependent on local governmental approval. Please apply now if interested, and a program representative will keep you updated on any potential changes. [Learn more about the program and apply today!](#)

Environmental Remediation Technician

Next Start Date: Tentatively July 2020

Application Deadline: [Apply Now!](#)

St. Louis Community College, in partnership with Saint Louis University's College of Public Health and Social Justice, Center for Environmental Education and Training, is offering a no-cost six-week training program for those interested in a career in environmental remediation. The Environmental Remediation Technician program prepares you with the knowledge and skills necessary to safely work in the abatement and remediation of asbestos, lead and other hazardous materials. Coursework meets the needs of employers in the St. Louis metropolitan area so you can pursue a career in the environmental remediation industry and maintain a living wage. The core curriculum focuses on the skills critical for entry-level work in the field with training broken into various modules that prepare you for licenses and/or certification in Missouri and Illinois. These licenses and certifications are the key to successful job placement. The final module is a capstone course designed to reinforce important concepts and provide students with first-hand views of St. Louis area remediation sites. [Learn more about the program and apply today!](#)

Medical Assistant

Next Start Date: Summer 2020

Application Deadline: [Apply Now!](#)

Brief Program Summary:

Medical Assistants (MAs) provide patient-focused services while performing administrative and basic clinical tasks in a clinical setting. A medical assistant works alongside physicians, nurses and other healthcare professionals to provide direct patient care. Some common clinical tasks include taking vital signs, performing basic laboratory tests, disposing of or sterilizing laboratory supplies, drawing blood or preparing patients for physicians. Common administrative tasks include appointment scheduling, insurance verifications, medical records and billing and coding. This training prepares students for the Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA) certificate supported by the National Health career Association (NHA). [Learn more about the program and apply today!](#)

Please note that the Medical Assistant program is continuing to enroll applicants and has implemented new procedures to accommodate COVID-19 restrictions. Candidates interested in the

Medical Assistant training program should complete an online application. They will be contacted within 1-2 business days at the email address provided on application with instructions to begin the remote enrollment process. The next anticipated start date is later this summer, and dependent on the program's ability to conduct clinical experiences within the local hospital systems. One cohort has already proceeded with training throughout the late Spring of 2020. [Learn more about the program and apply today!](#)

Patient Care Technician

Next Start Date: Planned cohorts for Summer 2020 and Fall 2020

Application Deadline: [Apply Now!](#)

Patient Care Technicians (PCTs) work alongside nurses, physicians and other healthcare professionals to provide direct patient care in a hospital setting. A patient care technician provides patient care under direct nursing supervision. This non-credit accelerated training program combines 6-7 weeks of classroom instruction with 3 weeks of clinical practice. Classroom instruction, which includes hands-on lab exercises, is conducted at an STLCC campus or at an employer partner location. Classroom instruction also includes a Healthcare Provider Basic Life Support course through the American Heart Association. The clinical practice takes place at partnering hospital locations. This training program satisfies the requirement of the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for Unlicensed Assistive Personnel. A strict attendance policy is enforced throughout this training.

Please note that the Patient Care Technician program is continuing to enroll applicants and has implemented new procedures to accommodate COVID-19 restrictions. Candidates interested in the Patient Care Technician training program should complete an online application. The next anticipated start date is later this summer, and dependent on the program's ability to conduct clinical experiences within the local hospital systems. [Learn more about the program and apply today!](#)