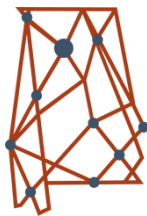


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ACCS
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PULSE CHECK



20,000+

ENROLLED



Skills for
Success

»»» NEW COURSE NOW AVAILABLE COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER

In late July and again on August 15th, Wallace Community College Selma piloted the newest Skills for Success Community Health Worker course, led by Kaylin Jordan, a Patient Care Technician Instructor at the college. The participants came from diverse backgrounds within the healthcare field, including CNAs, licensed healthcare agents, and those with an interest in criminal justice with a healthcare focus. Two participants were also looking to enter the healthcare field. Constance Jackson, one of the participants, plans to use this course to further her career and work more closely with her community using these credentials. We are excited to announce that this course is now available statewide.

NEW COURSE!



Community Health Worker

AVAILABLE COURSES

TrainForAlabama.com

COURSES COMING SOON

Pilot Phase - Launch in Progress

- Ambulance Operator - Enterprise State
- Concrete Mixer Truck Driver - Chattahoochee Valley
- Nursing Support Technician - Wallace State - Hanceville
- Veterinary Assistant - Northwest Shoals
- Barista - Lawson State
- Customer Service - Jefferson State, Trenholm State, & Lawson State
- Flooring Installation Technician - Drake State

Courses in Final Review

- Motor Grader Operator

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NEW COURSES



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▶▶▶ SCHOOL BUS DRIVER TRAINING UPDATE

"Over the past two years, the Alabama Community College System's Innovation Center, in partnership with the Alabama State Department of Education, has revolutionized school bus driver training across the state. The Skills for Success CDL B - School Bus Driver Endorsement Course has served approximately 120 out of 138 school systems (80%) across the state.

Since February of 2022, there have been 2,812 new school bus drivers. Remarkably, estimated over 2,000 (70%) of these drivers have benefited directly from this comprehensive curriculum, ensuring safer and more efficient transportation for Alabama's students. This collaboration exemplifies the ACCS Innovation Center's commitment to excellence and innovation in educational training programs."

Billy Hollon

Education Administrator, Pupil Transportation Division of the ALSDE



"Our Transportation Department has significantly benefited from the partnerships we've established with the Alabama Community College System and Central Alabama Community College. Since June 2022, these collaborations have been crucial in helping us hire 57 commercially licensed bus drivers. The online Theory training provided by ACCS enabled us to onboard 34 full-time drivers, and our exclusive partnership with Central Alabama Community College since November 2023 has been equally impactful. Mrs. Kathy Hawkins at CACC has not only successfully trained 23 additional full-time drivers but has also offered a flexible schedule that allowed many applicants to train outside of our regular hours. Without these partnerships and the flexibility they provided, we wouldn't have been able to fill most of our bus driver vacancies over the past two years. We are incredibly grateful for the support and expertise from ACCS and CACC."

Neil Messick

Transportation Supervisor, Autauga County Schools

80%

SCHOOL SYSTEMS BENEFITING FROM OUR SCHOOL BUS DRIVER TRAINING



ESTIMATED TO HAVE DIRECTLY BENEFITED FROM SKILLS FOR SUCCESS SCHOOL BUS DRIVER TRAINING

"Since the inception of the Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT) program, our system has relied on the Alabama Community College System (ACCS) Innovation Center's Skills for Success – School Bus Driver course for the theory portion of the training. The availability of the course online, coupled with the flexibility for drivers to complete it at their own pace, has proven to be incredibly beneficial. While there have been occasional challenges, the ACCS Innovation Center staff has consistently addressed any issues promptly and effectively. I fully intend to continue utilizing this valuable training resource and will seriously consider using ACCS for the Behind-the-Wheel (BTW) portion once it becomes available. I am truly grateful that ACCS has offered this training free of charge, as it has made a significant positive impact by helping individuals receive the essential training needed to become school bus drivers."

David Rutherford

Transportation Manager, Lawrence County Board of Education Transportation Department



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SHAWNDA LILES - SCHOOL BUS DRIVER TESTIMONIAL

"I heard from a friend that Lawrence County needed school bus drivers, and I decided to take action. The Skills for Success – School Bus Driver training was exactly what I needed. The course was straightforward and allowed me to learn at my own pace, which was perfect given my part-time job. The flexibility to do the theory portion at night and schedule the behind-the-wheel training around my own time made it possible for me to complete the entire process in just four weeks. This training not only provided me with the confidence I needed to pass the licensing exam but also prepared me for the responsibilities of safely transporting children. I'm grateful for the opportunity to give back to my community, and I'm excited to be a positive influence in the lives of the kids I drive every day."

— Shawnda Liles, Recent Completer, Skills for Success – School Bus Driver Training

SOUTHERN UNION - HEO SUCCESS STORY

This lab session featured an exceptional group of students, each demonstrating remarkable determination and resilience. One student, despite having a disability, refused to let it stand in the way of achieving his goals, successfully completing the course. Another student showed incredible commitment by walking to the lab every day, overcoming transportation challenges to earn his certificate. Their dedication is a testament to the power of perseverance and the impact of our programs in helping students reach their full potential.



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