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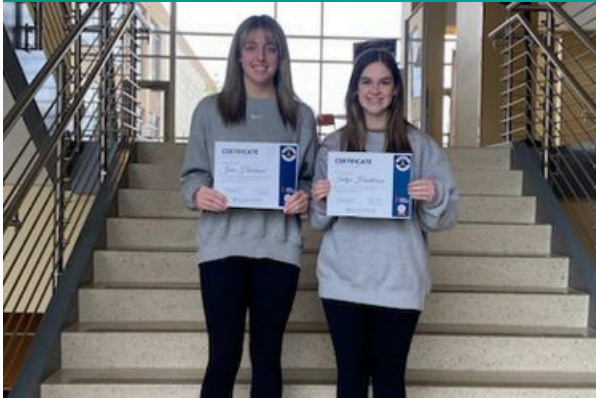
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Skills for
Success

>>> FEBRUARY WAS FILLED WITH THE 2ND ROUND OF PILOTS FOR...

NEW COURSE!



Nursing Support Technician

NEW COURSE!



Floor Installation Technician

NEW COURSE!



Forklift Operator



The completion of the 2nd pilot means these courses are one step closer to being available statewide through each local community college.

REMINDER FOR COLLEGES:

Don't forget to monitor the **College Dashboard** for all the resources you need to market, promote, and deliver these courses very soon!



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>>> **LBW COMMUNITY COLLEGE: MAKING LIFE BETTER THROUGH SECOND CHANCES**

LBW Community College is **changing lives and building futures** by bringing Skills for Success training to inmates at **Crenshaw County Jail**. Through courses in **Fiber Optic Technician and Installer, Food & Beverage, and Electrical Helper** participants are gaining industry-recognized skills that prepare them for stable, in-demand jobs upon release.

By extending workforce education beyond the classroom, LBW is Making Life Better—not just for individuals but for the entire community. This initiative proves that second chances can lead to stronger futures, offering a pathway to opportunity and economic growth.

Read more about LBW's impact in these articles:

[WAKA News](#) 

[WSFA News](#) 





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Available Courses

Any Alabama community college can offer these courses.

- CDL A
- CDL A Theory Only
- CDL B
- CDL B Theory Only
- CDL B Passenger School Bus
- CDL B Passenger School Bus Theory Only
- CDL B + Passenger Theory Only
- CDL B + Passenger
- Passenger + School Bus
- Passenger Endorsement
- Passenger Theory Only
- School Bus Endorsement
- School Bus Theory Only
- CDL Behind the Wheel Only
- Hazmat Endorsement
- Excavator Operator
- Skid Steer Operator
- Bulldozer Operator
- Asphalt Roller Operator
- Fiber Optics Tech and Installer
- Food & Beverage
- Hotel Operations
- Retail Meat Cutter
- Mental Health Worker
- Carpentry Helper
- Electrical Helper
- Land Survey Technician
- Community Health Worker
- Customer Service
- Ambulance Operator/EVOC
- Flooring Installation Technician



Customized Training Courses

These courses are specialized workforce training programs developed at the request of an ACCS division, partner, or stakeholder to address specific industry or organizational needs.

Available Courses:

- Dual Enrollment Orientation
- FAME Mentorship

In-Development Courses:

- Alabama League of Municipalities (ALM) x 10
- Construction Administration Excellence
- ReConnect Academy



Courses In-Development

These courses are still in a phase of development, whether that be the development of a task force, filming, or pilot phase.

- Manufactured Home Installer
- Barista
- Veterinary Assistant
- Motor Grader Operator
- Forklift Operator
- Concrete Mixer Truck Driver
- Plumbing Assistant
- Nursery Landscape Worker
- Machine Operator
- Nursing Support Technician (NST)
- Biotechnician
- Water Treatment Operator Grade 2
- Propane Technician
- Asphalt Lab Technician
- Paver Operator
- Operator Tech Automotive
- Drone Operator
- Screed Operator
- *Roof Framing (add-on to Carpentry)
- Mastering the Customer Experience
- Onsite Water Treatment Operator

SCAN FOR MORE
INFORMATION ABOUT
EACH COURSE





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➤➤➤ BEVILL STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE + CITY OF IRONDALE + NELSON BROTHERS + CDL TRAINING

Bevill State Community College teamed up with the City of Irondale and Nelson Brothers, a leading manufacturer of commercial explosive company, to offer CDL training for their employees. This partnership showcases how Skills for Success can connect with both businesses and municipalities to provide training to empower teams.



BEVILL STATE
Community College

Fayette | Hamilton | Jasper | Sumiton | Carrollton



➤➤➤ COASTAL ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE + ALABAMA GULF COAST ZOO + CUSTOMER SERVICE

Just in time for spring break, Coastal Alabama Community College has partnered with the Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo to offer four dynamic sessions of Skills for Success Customer Service training to their dedicated team. This training equips zoo employees with the tools and knowledge they need to provide exceptional service to visitors, ensuring a smooth and enjoyable experience for all.



COASTAL ALABAMA
COMMUNITY COLLEGE



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➤➤➤ CENTRAL ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE + GARY INGRAM GRADING AND PAVING + SKID STEER TRAINING

Demito Thomas, a recent Skills for Success graduate from Central Alabama Community College, not only gained valuable skills but also landed a job at Gary Ingram Grading and Paving—earning a promotion!

Jeff Harte, HR and Safety Director, praised the program: “We’re proud to support initiatives that help individuals like Demito transition into rewarding careers. Skills for Success delivers exactly what our workforce needs.”

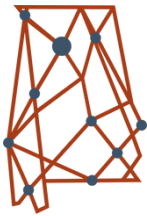
[Read more about Demito’s inspiring journey.](#)



➤➤➤ SNEAD STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE + ARAB HS + COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER

Arab High School health science students successfully completed the SFS Community Health Worker course in partnership with Snead State! This course is perfect for individuals passionate about improving public health and making a lasting impact in their communities. Through this course, students gain valuable skills in effective communication, developing strategies to promote healthy behaviors, and advocating for the needs of their communities.





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REMINDER

>>> QUICK LINKS

[Click Here: Request for Training Development](#)

[Click Here to submit your Skills for Success "Success" Story with us to be featured in the next newsletter.](#)

>>> STATEWIDE LAB CALENDAR



innovation.accs.edu/calendar/

For Employers: Join labs relevant to your industry to present job openings and connect with program completers eager to build their careers in your field.

For Community Leaders: Show your support for workforce development by attending local labs and witnessing how these programs "Make Life Better" for Alabama communities.

Check regularly for updates, and note that some labs may be marked as private.

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STAY IN THE LOOP: 2024 HIGHLIGHTS AND BEYOND!

Catch up on all things Innovation Center and Skills for Success! From 2024 milestones to last month's updates, our Pulse Check Newsletter Archives have it all.

DON'T MISS A BEAT!



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Episode 49

Collaborative Growth: Enhancing Workforce Education for Success Akareem Spears

Bishop State Community College



NEW PODCAST FORMAT ROLLING OUT MONDAY, MARCH 3RD!

We will release a new episode every other week!



Get ready to meet the masterminds behind the ACCS Innovation Center! These are the folks who make the magic happen every day, working behind the scenes to keep things moving and bring big ideas to life.