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Skills for Success

PILOT LAUNCHED THIS MONTH

The **Nursing Support Technician (NST)** course was piloted with **Wallace State Community College Hanceville**, and led by instructors Kelly Elrod and Tiffanie Doyle. This course prepares participants for a career as a Nursing Support Technician-Certified (NST-C), equipping them with essential skills in patient care, safety, infection control, vital signs monitoring, mobility assistance, and bedside procedures. It also covers professional requirements such as communication, ethics, documentation, and cultural competence, ensuring well-rounded training for various healthcare settings.

AVAILABLE COURSES

TrainForAlabama.com

NEW COURSE!



Nursing Support Technician



This course was requested, developed, and endorsed by the Alabama Board of Nursing. Learn more through the latest media coverage.





➤➤➤ **NST MEDIA COVERAGE**

Jan. 16

Birmingham Business Journal – [ACCS expands health care programs to mitigate workforce shortages](#)

Jan. 15

Yellowhammer News – [Alabama Community College System tackling nursing shortage with new credential, healthcare training expansion](#)

Jan. 15

APT's Capitol Journal – [ACCS's Dr. Bryant Cline joined the education special and the new Nursing Support Technician – Certified option was featured in a story](#)

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Jan. 15

Community College Daily - Alabama Community College System tackling nursing shortage with new credential, healthcare training expansion

Jan. 15

CBS 42 – Birmingham – [New certification now available for Alabamians wanting to pursue healthcare careers](#)

Jan. 15

WAKA 8 News – [Alabama Community College System looking to expand health science programs](#)

Jan. 15

WSFA 12 News – Montgomery – [Alabama Community College System unveils new programs to improve state health care system](#)

Jan. 15

Elmore-Autauga News – [Alabama Community College System announces expansion of healthcare training programs](#)



➤➤➤ PILOT LAUNCHED THIS MONTH CONTINUED:

We're excited to share that the first pilot of the Skills for Success **Concrete Mixer Truck Driver** course launched earlier this month at **Chattahoochee Valley Community College!** The lab was led by SFS Instructor Claude Brown, Jr. Participants gained hands-on experience in concrete mixing, pouring, and finishing, equipping them with essential skills for the industry. We would like to thank Heidelberg Materials and David Colley for securing the use of the truck, allowing participants to gain valuable hands-on training. This new course marked a significant step in workforce development, and we're eager to see its impact.



CHATTAHOOCHEE VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NEW COURSE!

Concrete Mixer Truck Driver

COURSES COMING SOON!

Pilot Phase - Launch in Progress

- Motor Grader Operator - Dothan
- Water Treatment Operator Grade 2
- Biotechnician
- Propane Technician
- Asphalt Lab Tech

Courses in Progress

- Paver Operator
- Operator Tech Automotive
- Drone Operator
- Customer Relations
- Screed Operator
- Shuttle Buggy Operator
- Heavy Equipment Mechanic Assistant

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WALLACE COMMUNITY COLLEGE KICKS OFF THE YEAR WITH FREE CDL TRAINING



Wallace Community College is starting the year strong by offering SFS CDL training, providing a valuable opportunity for individuals with daytime jobs to upskill. This opportunity is a game-changer, as it opens doors for those looking to advance in the trucking industry without having to give up their current employment.

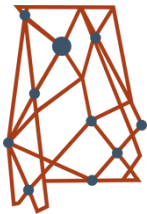


HELPING HIGH SCHOOLERS FIND THEIR PATH NACC SUCCESS STORY



Many high schoolers, like Angel, aren't sure if post-secondary education is the right fit after graduation. However, after taking the Skills for Success Fiber Optics course at Northeast Alabama Community College with instructor Christopher Maze, Angel gained confidence through self-paced modules and hands-on training. This experience helped him reconsider his future and realize college could be the right next step. The course provided the perfect balance of flexibility and practical skills, guiding Angel toward a new path. We're proud to see students like him discover their potential and take charge of their future all while earning industry recognized credentials.





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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!



Visit our YouTube page for inspiring success stories from Skills for Success participants.



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JANUARY INNOVATION UNPLUGGED RECAP



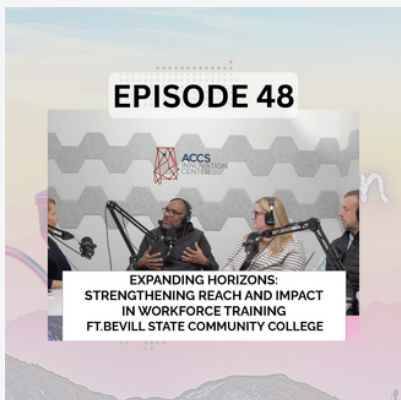
Episode 46

Workforce Ready: Innovative Skills Training for K-12, Industry, and the Community



Episode 47

Creating Opportunity: Transforming the Community with Skills Training



Episode 48

Expanding Horizons: Strengthening Reach and Impact in Workforce Training



NEW PODCAST FORMAT ROLLING OUR MARCH 2025 UPDATES COMING SOON!