

**Skills for
Success****45,730+**
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NEW COURSE LAUNCHES: August Spotlight

NURSING SUPPORT TECHNICIAN



AMBULANCE OPERATOR



This month, we're proud to announce the launch of **Nursing Support Technician** and **Ambulance Operator** training. These programs prepare Alabamians with the skills needed to succeed in two high-demand fields: **healthcare** and **emergency response**.

Interested students can be among the first to know when enrollment opens at their local community college by completing the **Student Interest Form**. Employers who are looking to hire trained graduates—or who want to upskill current employees—can fill out the **Employer Interest Form** to get connected.

Updates:

UPCOMING COURSE LAUNCH DATES

Launch dates are virtual meetings with our colleges and industry partners to officially release new Skills for Success courses statewide. These sessions provide an overview of pilot outcomes and guidance on how colleges can begin offering the training in their communities.

Save the Dates: **tentative*

- September 8 – Motor Grader & Barista
- September 17 – Flooring Installation Technician
- September 22 – Propane Technician
- *September 30 – Concrete Mixer Truck Driver
- *October 8 – Nursery Landscape Worker
- *October 17 – Plumbing Assistant
- *October 22 – Machine Operator



NATIONAL COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER WEEK: AUGUST 25 – 29

This week, we're proud to recognize Alabamians who have completed the Skills for Success Community Health Worker course. Trained through their local community colleges, these graduates are now equipped to advocate for health, connect neighbors with vital resources, and strengthen communities across the state.

FROM TRAINING TO TECH CAREER

After completing the Skills for Success Fiber Optic Technician and Installer course at **Coastal Alabama Community College**, **Ryan Ales** earned the certification that launched his first role in tech. Today, he's a Network Change Control Analyst—proof that rapid, no-cost training through Alabama's community colleges can open doors to high-demand careers.



[READ RYAN'S FULL JOURNEY IN THE BAMA BUZZ](#) ➡

August Success Stories

BEVILL STATE OFFERING NIGHT CDL TRAINING

Bevill State Community College is expanding access with a new evening **CDL** course. Training runs from 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m., giving students whose schedules require flexibility the chance to earn their credentials and prepare for careers in commercial driving.



HEALTHCARE PATHWAYS AT GADSDEN STATE

Gadsden State students in the **Cardinal Rise Summer Program** explored healthcare careers through three courses: **Customer Service, Community Health Worker, and Mental Health Worker**. Participants gained practical skills in professional communication, advocacy, and patient support—building a foundation to continue their journey in healthcare.



JEFFERSON STATE SKID STEER TRAINING

At Jefferson State's Chilton-Clanton Campus, students recently wrapped up **Skid Steer** training. Hands-on experience with equipment operation, safety practices, and job-site readiness gave participants a boost of confidence and industry-recognized skills to step into construction and heavy equipment roles.



August Success Stories

COASTAL AL COMMUNITY COLLEGE – MONROE COUNTY DETENTION FACILITY TRAINING

Six inmates at the **Monroe County Detention Facility** completed **Skid Steer** training offered through Coastal Alabama Community College. This hands-on opportunity provided them with practical skills in heavy equipment operation—tools they can carry into future career paths after release.



COASTAL ALABAMA AVIATION STUDENTS GAIN FORKLIFT SKILLS

Aviation students at Coastal Alabama Community College spent their semester break adding a new credential to their resumes: **Forklift Operator**. They learned safe operation, load handling, and preventive maintenance—skills that broaden their job readiness and open doors in warehousing and production.



SNEAD STATE – DOUGLAS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS COMPLETE SKID STEER TRAINING

This summer, **Douglas High School** students partnered with Snead State to complete the **Skid Steer** course. Combining online study with hands-on practice, they earned both industry credentials and their Career Readiness Indicator—valuable experience that sets them on track for future success in construction and beyond.



TRENHOLM STATE – CDL Success After Retirement



“Life is good right now. I’m retired, but I get to stay involved, supplement my income, and enjoy this new chapter.”

– LaKenya Knight
CDL Class A Student

After 25 years as a school teacher and basketball coach, LaKenya Knight (picture far right) was ready for a new chapter. Already a longtime Class B license holder and school bus driver, she decided to expand her skills with a Skills for Success **CDL Class A** course at **Trenholm State Community College**.

“I had just retired and knew I wanted something to fall back on to earn extra income,” LaKenya explained. “Once you have a CDL, you can do almost anything.”

Through the Skills for Success program, she completed online modules and hands-on lab training to earn her Class A license. Soon after, she applied to the United States Postal Service and landed a weekend driving job while continuing her daily role driving a school bus.

For LaKenya, the opportunity has been life-changing. “Life is good right now,” she said. “I’m retired, but I get to stay involved with students, supplement my income, and enjoy this new chapter.”

Training Our State for the better



The ACCS Innovation Center partners with colleges, businesses, and industries to offer free, short-term Skills for Success training programs that blend online learning with hands-on labs to prepare workers with in-demand skills.

✓ Available Courses

Any 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
- Skid Steer Operator - Spanish
- Bulldozer Operator
- Bulldozer Operator - Spanish
- Asphalt Roller Operator
- Asphalt Roller Operator - Spanish
- Fiber Optics Tech and Installer
- Fiber Optics Tech and Installer - Spanish
- Manufactured Home Installer Helper
- Food & Beverage
- Food & Beverage - Spanish
- Hotel Operations
- Hotel Operations - Spanish
- Retail Meat Cutter
- Retail Meat Cutter - Spanish
- Mental Health Worker
- Carpentry Helper
- Electrical Helper
- Land Survey Technician
- Community Health Worker
- Customer Service
- Ambulance Operator/EVOC
- Forklift Operator
- Nursing Support Technician (NST)

Take the Next Step!

Are you interested in taking a Skills for Success course? Are you an employer looking to offer training to your workforce? Or are you a partner wanting to promote these valuable programs?

**Submit your interest today
and let's work together to
build a stronger workforce!**

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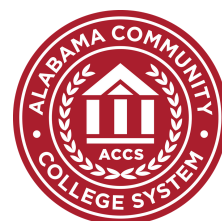
⚙ Courses In-Development

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

- Flooring Installation Technician
- Barista
- Veterinary Assistant
- Motor Grader Operator
- Concrete Mixer Truck Driver
- Plumbing Assistant
- Nursery Landscape Worker
- Machine Operator
- Biotechnician
- Water Treatment Operator Grade 2
- Propane Technician
- Asphalt Lab Technician
- Paver Operator
- Operator Tech Automotive
- Drone Operator
- Screed Operator
- Roof Framing
- Mastering the Customer Experience
- Onsite Wastewater Treatment Operator
- Backhoe Operator
- Wood Products - Machine Operator
- Concrete Form and Finishing Carpenter



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Available
Trainings**



August Podcast Episodes

INNOVATION *Unplugged*

INNOVATION UNPLUGGED



BARRIERS TO BREAKTHROUGHS: WORKFORCE INNOVATION IN ALABAMA

Donny Jones - Chief Workforce Officer at the West Alabama Chamber of Commerce and Executive Director of West Alabama Works



Episode #68

BRIDGING THE GAP: ADULT EDUCATION & WORKFORCE PATHWAYS

David Walters - Alabama Community College System



Episode # 69

MEET THE CHAMPION: JACKSON BAKER

Jackson Baker - Hillcrest High School Student – Alabama SkillsUSA Heavy Equipment Operation Champion



August Podcast Episodes

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Episode # 70

DRIVEN TO SUCCEED: A JOURNEY
TOWARDS A CDL

Trinity Howard
Trenholm State Community College Student



NOW WITH A FRESH NEW LOOK

We've refreshed
the style to
match the energy
of the stories we
share—

same great
conversations,
bold new feel!

Task Force & SME Needs

We're building new courses to meet Alabama's workforce needs—and we need your help. For each course, we're looking for 5–8 professionals with at least 5 years of experience in the field to serve on a task force.

We're also seeking one Subject Matter Expert (SME) per course to lead content development. This is a paid opportunity (approx. 20–25 hours of work).

[TASK FORCE INFORMATION VIDEO](#)



Dementia Care Training

Ideal task force members will have experience in:

- Providing real-world perspectives from your dementia care experience
- Contribute practical insights to shape meaningful training content
- Offer guidance to ensure training reflects real care settings
- Bring your care expertise to ensure accuracy and relevance

[CLICK HERE: Task Force Link](#)

Traffic Control & Flagger Training

Ideal task force members will have experience in:

- Provide firsthand knowledge from traffic control and flagging jobs
- Help shape training that emphasizes safety, communication, and efficiency
- Share input to ensure scenarios mirror real construction and roadway environments
- Use your expertise to strengthen course accuracy and industry relevance

[CLICK HERE: Task Force Link](#)