

**Skills for
Success****50,000+**
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MILESTONE ALERT
50,000+

Celebrating more than 50,000 Alabamians enrolled in Skills for Success training.

Skills for Success

The ACCS Innovation Center is proud to celebrate a **major milestone**—more than **50,000 enrollments** since the launch of Skills for Success.

This achievement reflects the **collective commitment of Alabama's community colleges** to provide rapid, in-demand training that reaches learners across the state. Skills for Success continues to open doors for Alabamians seeking **new opportunities and upward mobility**.

Every community college, instructor, and industry partner plays a vital role in this success. There is pride in **helping Alabamians gain skills** and equal pride in **helping employers find the talent they need to thrive**.

Together, these efforts **strengthen Alabama's workforce pipeline** and drive economic growth across the state.

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NEW COURSE LAUNCHES

PLUMBING ASSISTANT



FORKLIFT OPERATOR



MACHINE OPERATOR



CONCRETE MIXER TRUCK DRIVER



NURSERY LANDSCAPE WORKER



FLOORING INSTALLATION TECHNICIAN



This month, six Skills for Success courses have launched: **Plumbing Assistant, Forklift Operator, Machine Operator, Concrete Mixer Truck Driver, Nursery Landscape Worker, and Flooring Installation Technician.** Each course is designed to equip Alabamians with the skills needed to enter high-demand industries such as construction, manufacturing, transportation, and landscaping.

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.

STRENGTHENING THE FIBER OF ALABAMA'S WORKFORCE

Calhoun Community College held a **Skills for Success Fiber Optics Technician and Installer** lab for Lineworker students and current employees looking to upskill. The training focused on hands-on lab experience, giving participants the opportunity to practice fiber splicing, testing, and installation.



EXPANDING SKILLS IN MENTAL HEALTH CARE

Chattahoochee Valley Community College hosted a **Skills for Success Mental Health Worker** lab. Participants, all currently working in the mental health field, completed the training to strengthen their understanding and enhance their professional skills. Resume support was also provided to help them highlight their newly gained experience.



STUDENTS LEARN FROM INDUSTRY IN HEAVY EQUIPMENT TRAINING

Zion Chapel High school students took a **Skills for Success Excavator** course with Enterprise State Community College, where they gained hands-on experience operating heavy equipment. Industry partners from Boyd Engineering, LLC attended the lab to share insights about their company and the range of career opportunities available in the field.



PREPARING STUDENTS FOR ALABAMA'S HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY

Seven students from Sylacauga High School are the first to earn the **Skills for Success Barista** certification since the course's statewide launch. The students, who are in the Hospitality & Tourism Pathway, will now apply their skills by helping operate the Aggies Brew & Bites Coffee Shop on campus.



FROM TRAINING TO CONSTRUCTION CAREER

Rashaun Walker saw an opportunity to learn something new and took it. After completing the **Skills for Success Electrical Helper** course through **Wallace Community College's Residential Construction Academy**, he gained hands-on experience and the foundational skills needed to step directly into Alabama's construction industry.

What started as a short-term training opportunity quickly became a **pathway to steady employment** and a renewed sense of purpose.

His story shows how rapid, no-cost training through Alabama's community colleges can spark new beginnings, **preparing job-ready workers** while **helping employers** across the state find the talent they need to keep Alabama's workforce strong and moving forward.

Learn more about Rashaun's story featured in Bama Buzz.



BEHIND THE SKILLS: FIBER OPTICS TECHNICIAN AND INSTALLER



In the second episode of **Behind the Skills**, viewers step inside a **Fiber Optics Technician and Installer lab** to see how students learn to splice, test, and install fiber cables.

The course provides hands-on experience using industry-standard tools and equipment, preparing students for one of Alabama's most in-demand technology careers.

Watch the [second episode now on YouTube!](#)

Training Our State for the better



The ACCS Innovation Center partners with colleges, businesses, and industries to offer rapid, no-cost 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 B
- CDL B Passenger/School Bus
- CDL B + Passenger
- Passenger + School Bus
- Passenger Endorsement
- School Bus Endorsement
- Hazmat Endorsement
- Excavator Operator
- Skid Steer Operator
- Bulldozer Operator
- Asphalt Roller Operator
- Fiber Optics Technician and Installer
- Manufactured Home Installer Helper
- 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
- Forklift Operator
- Nursing Support Technician (NST)
- Barista
- Motor Grader Operator
- Propane Technician
- Flooring Installation Technician
- Concrete Mixer Truck Driver
- Plumbing Assistant
- Nursery Landscape Worker
- Machine Operator

Courses Available in Spanish:

- Skid Steer Operator
- Bulldozer Operator
- Asphalt Roller Operator
- Fiber Optics Technician and Installer
- Food & Beverage
- Hotel Operations
- Retail Meat Cutter

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.

- Veterinary Assistant
- Asphalt Lab Technician
- Operator Tech Automotive
- Roof Framing
- Shuttle Buggy Operator
- Heavy Equipment Mechanic
- Water Treatment Operator Grade 2
- Screed Operator
- Paver Operator
- Biotechnician
- Drone Operator
- Mastering the Customer Experience
- Backhoe Operator
- Wood Products - Machine Operator
- Onsite Wastewater Treatment Operator
- Interior Fiber Optics Technician and Installer
- Dementia Care
- Concrete Form and Finishing Carpenter
- Traffic Control and Flagger

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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**Episode 75****ROAD READY: TRAINING THE NEXT GENERATION OF DRIVERS**

Alex Blevins, Owner
One Stop CDL Training

**Episode 76****ROAD SAFETY: BUILDING BETTER DRIVERS AND SAFER HIGHWAYS**

Alex Blevins, Owner, One Stop CDL Training
Jason Harris, Lieutenant, Alabama Law Enforcement Agency

**Episode 77****MAKING A DIFFERENCE: EDUCATION AND TRAINING THAT EMPOWERS**

Jason Blackwell, Founder
Activate CTE

**Episode 78****DRIVING CHANGE: THE CDL JOURNEY AT BISHOP STATE**

Thomas Prater, Quintez Finch, James Williams, and Brad Wallace
Bishop State Community College

