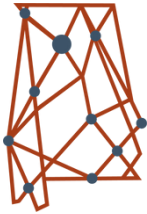


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# PULSE CHECK



# 23,000+

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Skills for  
Success

## »»» PILOTS COMPLETED THIS MONTH!

The **Ambulance Operator** pilot at Enterprise State took place on September 19-20, led by instructor Joseph McCollough. The pilot included eight participants, with one having prior experience, another returning to the field after several years, two currently enrolled in the ESCC EMT program, and the rest with no experience.



## AVAILABLE COURSES

[TrainForAlabama.com](https://TrainForAlabama.com)

The **Customer Service** pilot lab, hosted by Jefferson State and Trenholm State Community College was led by Teresa Brooks from Alabama Power Company. Participants included women from the Lovelady Center, whose mission is to help women rebuild their lives through faith-driven hope, life skills, and spiritual

guidance to break cycles of poverty and incarceration. Additional participants included a student from Jeff State and a retiree seeking new skills for employment opportunities.

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➤➤➤ The **Flooring Installation Technician** course, hosted by Drake State, consists of four lab sessions covering Hardwood, Laminate, Carpet, and Ceramic and Stone Tile. Session 1 took place on September 19-20, followed by Session 2 on September 26-27, with the final two sessions scheduled for October. The course is led by Roy Lewis from Eagle Floor Covering Supplies in Phenix City, AL. Five students participated in the pilot, including Josephine, a retired ER nurse turned Tiny Home contractor, who is currently building a deconstructed home using shipping containers.

# COMING SOON



## Flooring Installation Technician



# COURSES COMING SOON



### Pilot Phase - Launch in Progress

- Concrete Mixer Truck Driver - Chattahoochee Valley
- Nursing Support Technician - Wallace State - Hanceville
- Veterinary Assistant - Northwest Shoals
- Barista - Lawson State
- Motor Grader Operator - Dothan

### Courses in Final Review

- Forklift Operator
- Machine Operator



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▶▶▶ CENTRAL AL COMMUNITY COLLEGE & DOVETAIL LANDING

Central Alabama Community College, in partnership with Dovetail Landing, conducted an Excavator Skills for Success course tailored specifically for Alabama veterans. Dovetail is a comprehensive Veterans Resiliency and Recovery Program aimed at supporting military veterans on their paths to healing and successful reintegration into civilian life.

The course had six participants, with a mix of experience levels—some were seasoned operators, while others were just starting out. Everyone agreed that the online theory portion of the course was super convenient and having that background knowledge made it less intimidating to operate the machinery.

Alabama veteran AJ shared, “I came to this lab already knowing how to operate an excavator, but I enrolled in the Skills for Success course to earn a credential that would help me secure a pay increase at my job.”



▶▶▶ COASTAL AL COMMUNITY COLLEGE - FIBER OPTICS SUCCESS STORY



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Ryan Alles learned about the Skills for Success Fiber Optics course from a friend. After completing the course, he secured an interview with Uniti Fiber. During the interview, one of the first questions they asked was about his Fiber training. Ryan felt confident in his response because he was able to share what he learned through the Skills for Success course. He got the job and plans to attend Coastal Alabama in the Spring to pursue his certification and associate's degree in cyber security.



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➤➤➤ **LAWSON STATE & AH PARKER HS - COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER**

Lawson State Community College held the first high school Community Health Worker lab at AH Parker High School in Birmingham, Alabama. Krishanna Leonard, the Health Science teacher at AH Parker, discovered the Skills for Success program at the CTE conference and was eager to provide this unique opportunity for her students. She believed it would not only enhance their understanding of community health but also enable them to earn an ACCS credential and CRI. AH Parker and Lawson State Community College successfully conducted three consecutive CHW labs, offering valuable hands-on experience to its students.



➤➤➤ **BEVILL STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE & WINSTON COUNTY CAREER ACADEMY**



**BEVILL STATE**  
Community College

Fayette | Hamilton | Jasper | Sumiton | Carrollton

Students from Winston County Career Academy received a hands-on experience in an Excavator Lab with Bevill State Community College. Welding teacher, Brian Woods was the instructor. These students took on an exciting project: clearing land for a new pond, a task that will be brought to life through Skills for Success Heavy Equipment courses!



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



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➤➤➤ MARKETING SHOUT-OUT!



**THANK YOU!**   
**GADSDEN STATE**  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Gadsden State Community College received funding from the ACCS Innovation Center to purchase a truck and trailer, enabling them to expand their Skills for Success CDL program to better meet the needs of local businesses and industries. A big thank you to Allen Smith and Baisha Woody from the Workforce Division, as well as Jacqueline Edmondson and Brandy Hyatt, for their outstanding design of the latest moving Skills for Success billboard.