

Center for Workforce and Community Education (CWCE)

The college offers programs to address the educational and training needs of individuals of all ages as well as the needs of qualified employees in business and industry through its Center for Workforce and Community Education (CWCE). Serving more than 25,000 individuals annually, CWCE enriches lives through collaborative planning, workforce development programs, customized training and noncredit continuing education. CWCE also offers several grant-funded programs that enable qualified participants to receive skill training, remedial education and job search skills.

Through its community education and personal enrichment courses, CWCE addresses a wide variety of interests of individuals of all ages. Programs offered include Kids' College, computer skills training, motorcycle safety training, pet-assisted therapy and SAT preparation.

CWCE's Department of Adult Education and Literacy provides hundreds of adult learners opportunities to acquire foundational skills and knowledge to enrich themselves, their families, their workplace and their community. Partnering with other adult education providers, CWCE creates a seamless system of services for adult learners and offers best practice models for students such as its Career Pathways for the 21st Century program. The department provides GED® preparation and testing and English as a second language courses. It also incorporates the Transitions to College initiative, which provides a bridge for adult learners to enter postsecondary education.

CWCE provides many career training programs on each campus as well as online. Many programs are developed in response to the needs of the Rhode Island community and educate, train and certify individuals for successful careers in an increasingly complex economy. Each year, thousands of students participate in pre-employment training programs such as Certified Nursing Assistant, Teacher Assistant, Pharmacy Technician, Office Skills and Veterinary Assistant as well as continuing education programs for dental assistants, massage therapists and other health care professionals. The division also offers apprenticeship training programs in the electrical and plumbing fields as well as several other certification courses in the culinary field.

Providing high-quality customized training programs to organizations, **CWCE's Workforce Training** department is a comprehensive resource addressing the workforce development needs of businesses in Rhode Island. Training programs can be offered at any college campus or facility or on site at an employer's location. A combination of courses, both credit-bearing and noncredit, may be included in specialized plans that are developed for an organization's individual needs.

For more information about customized training programs at your workplace or our open enrollment programs, please call 401-825-2033 or visit the CWCE website at www.ccri.edu/cwce.

