

Adult Technical Education

At Southwest Tech and Throughout Vermont

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Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District

- ▶ We serve all schools in Bennington County (Mount Anthony, Arlington, Burr and Burton, Long Trail) as well as Hoosick Falls in NY.
 - ▶ Approximately 400 students attend our school.
 - ▶ Programs Include:
 - ▶ Building Trades, Cosmetology, Auto Tech, Forestry & Heavy Equip, Manufacturing Tech, Medical Professions, Culinary, Human Services
 - ▶ Pre-Law, Business, Accounting, Graphic Arts, Law Enforcement, Video & TV Production

- ▶ Adult Technical Education
 - ▶ Goal is to serve approximately 100 adult learners per year in programs that provide industry recognized credentials, workforce certifications and employability skills.
 - ▶ Partner with Dept of Labor, HireAbility, Local Industry, Adult Basic Ed, Reach Up, and others.

Adult Tech Ed at Southwest Tech

- ▶ We have a number of programs in the 2022-23 school year that offer essential workplace certifications and skills in person and online:
 - ▶ Licensed Nursing Assisting
 - ▶ Commercial Driver's License
 - ▶ CNC Machining
 - ▶ Dental Assisting
 - ▶ Custom Courses for Industry

 - ▶ New this year will be **Welding, Computer Basics, and Heavy Equipment Operation**
 - ▶ Online offerings include **Medical Administrative Asst, IT Support Specialist, & Legal Secretary**
 - ▶ All offer options for industry recognized credentials
- ▶ Tuition ranges from \$199 for Computers to \$2999 for CDL. VSAC provides considerable tuition support.
- ▶ Most programs are 6-12 weeks.
- ▶ Many are found on the McClure Foundation's list of Vermont's Most Promising Jobs

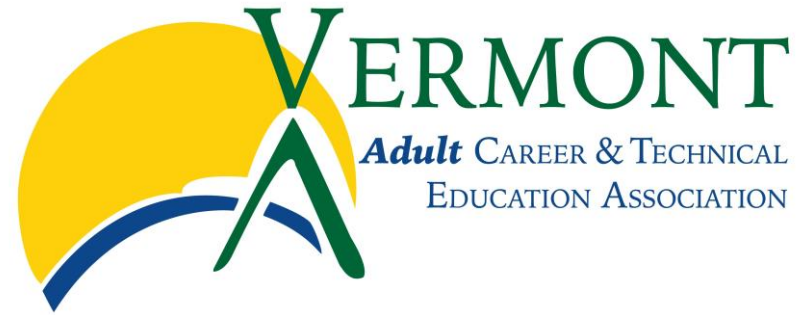


Adult Tech Ed in Vermont

- ▶ All 17 tech centers operate adult technical education.
 - ▶ All tech centers employ someone in an adult tech ed role administrative role, all are VACTEA members.
 - ▶ Some adult CTE programs enroll only a handful of students, others enroll hundreds.
 - ▶ Significant variation in support and resources for adult tech ed statewide.
- ▶ We have a statewide website listing all classes offered in the near future.
 - ▶ We drive traffic to this site so people can see where classes and trainings are offered.
 - ▶ www.vtadultcte.org
- ▶ Encourage a focus on Industry Recognized Credentials
- ▶ High school students are eligible and encouraged to participate in many of these programs.
- ▶ Examples of programs offered statewide: **LNA, CDL, & Welding**
- ▶ Other regional offerings: **HVAC, Phlebotomy, Electrical, Dental Asst, EMT, Natural Gas Cert**
- ▶ Personal Interest Courses: **Woodworking, Blacksmithing, Small Engine Repair, Culinary**



Adult Technical Education By the Numbers



- ▶ Since 2019:
- ▶ We've collectively served **8700** unique students at all our member centers combined.
- ▶ We have an approximately **87% completion rate** statewide.
- ▶ Almost **3300 IRC** earned.
 - ▶ All of these numbers will increase as we finalize our 2022 data.
- ▶ **More than half of the students served come from centers who employ either a full time adult tech ed coordinator or are in Chittenden Co.**
 - ▶ Southwest Tech, Stafford Tech, North Country, Lyndon Institute, Center for Tech Essex

The Takeaways



► Strengths

- Adult Technical Education is a very effective part of Vermont's CTE education and workforce training system. We are nimble and able to create programs of need quickly.
- CTE centers have awesome classrooms and labs that can accommodate many different types of classes and trainings that benefit adult learners.
- Adult CTE provides short term, cost effective, and flexible CTE training and industry recognized credentials meeting the workforce needs of Vermont's citizens and industry.
- Many of the jobs we train for provide livable entry level wages and benefits.

► Challenges

- Finding students and willing teachers in some regions.
- Funding for adult CTE inequitable and inadequate. Grants come, grants go.

► VACTEA's Big Goal- More consistent commitment to Adult CTE statewide.