

Calhoun Workforce Solutions (CWS)

Increasing the productivity of the existing workforce is one way to increase the profitability of local companies in a very tight labor market. Continuous training and retraining of the workforce is important to the viability of local companies. The Calhoun Workforce Solutions (CWS) group provides customized, flexible, cost-effective, and convenient training to local businesses and industries throughout North Alabama allowing them to achieve and maintain peak efficiency in the global marketplace.

CWS works one-on-one with companies to develop solutions to equip today's employees with the skills of tomorrow.

Professional Development: CWS offers a variety of online and traditional facilitator-led professional development opportunities including Production Technician Online & in-person training, Industrial Maintenance Online theory training, Education To Go online training, and Leadership training. For more information, call 256-306-2664.

Industrial Technologies: CWS offers learning opportunities in the following areas: Arc Flash Training, Industrial Maintenance, Construction Trades Training, OSHA Safety Training, Pre-Apprenticeship programs (Welding, Pipe Fitting, Electrical and Line Worker), Renewable Energy, and Water Operator Certification. For more information, call 256-306-2664.

Professional Certifications/Computer IT Operations: CWS provides local area companies and nontraditional students with timely training and preparation for the workforce. Companies have an option to take advantage of the regularly scheduled courses, or CWS can customize training to meet client requirements. Opportunities include CISSP, Certified Ethical Hacker, Microsoft Office Suite, CompTIA Network-i-, CompTIA A+, CompTIA Security-I-, Cisco Certified Network Associate, and customized computer network training. For more information, call 256-306-2584.

Short-Term, Career Track Healthcare Programs: CWS offers Short-Term, Career Track Healthcare Training Programs to prepare students for entry-level job opportunities as Certified Personal Trainer, Clinical Medical Assistants, Dialysis Technicians, EKG Technicians, Medical Administrative Assistants, Medical Billing and Coding Professionals, Pharmacy Technicians, Phlebotomy Technicians, and Veterinary Assistants. Most of the Short-Term Career Track Healthcare Programs offer the opportunity to sit for a National or State Certification exam.

Online and instructor-led Training Classes are available for most of the programs listed above, with the exception of the Phlebotomy Technician Program (instructor-led only).

Typical student loans through FAFSA do not cover the Program fees. Funding options are available through resources such as the WIOA Program, MyCAA, and personal student loans such as Sallie Mae, www.salliemae.com.

For more information on these programs, call 256-306-2515 or visit the website at www.calhoun.edu/healthcare.

Professional Certifications/Quality Training: In conjunction with local industry partners, CWS offers courses for ASQ certification in areas such as: Certified Supplier Quality Professional (CSQP), Certified Quality Auditor (CQA), Certified Calibration Technician (CCT), Certified Quality Improvement Associate (CQIA), Certified Six Sigma Green Belt (CSSGB), Certified Six Sigma Black Belt (CSSBB), Certified Software Quality Engineer (CSQE), and Certified Quality Engineer (CQE). Facilitators are local working quality professionals. Companies have an option to take advantage of the regularly scheduled courses. In addition, CWS can customize training to meet client requirements. For more information, call 256-306-2584.

Commercial Truck Driving Training (CDL): The CDL Training program provides driver license testing information and training for unskilled drivers who wish to have a commercial driver's license (CDL) and endorsements. This course includes information on federal requirements for the state's standards for the licensing of commercial drivers.

To receive a CDL, you must pass knowledge and skills tests. The 160-hour program requires a learner's permit. Classes are conducted during the weekdays as well as weekends to accommodate individual schedules. Certificates are presented upon successful completion of the training. Trucking recruiters and employers are available to meet with students to provide information regarding job opportunities. Funding options are available through the Workforce Investment Opportunity Act (WIOA) and Sallie Mae. Interested individuals may apply for WIOA at their local career center. Sallie Mae personal student loans, www.salliemae.com.

Contact the CDL office for more information, 256-306-2928 or visit www.calhoun.edu/CDL

Third Party Skills Testing for CDL: Calhoun Community College provides Third Party Skills Testing for individuals that have successfully completed the Third Party knowledge/written test, and have had a learner's permit at least 14 days. Visit our website at www.calhoun.edu/CDL for more information, or contact our office at 256-306-2928 to schedule an appointment.

Supervisor/Manager Leadership Training: CWS offers Front-Line Supervisor and Leadership Training Programs which integrate learning principles and concepts with exercises and tools to help participants transfer their training from the classroom to their job performance. Program contents are based on business objectives to ensure that employees have the skills they need to drive the business forward. The programs are characterized by a modular approach to content development, customized exercises, and post-training follow-up to enhance skill development and integration.

For more information on these programs, call 256-306-2515 or visit the website at www.calhoun.edu/leadership