

WIOA

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act

Now is the time to invest in yourself and your future

WIOA is seeking committed students who are in need of financial assistance and are pursuing a degree in a high demand career field.



Health Care



Education



Business & Accounting



Lineman & CDL



Construction Trade

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- What is the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act?

The federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity (WIOA) is the nation's principal workforce development legislation, providing funds to address the employment and training needs of adults, dislocated workers, and youth. WIOA creates a comprehensive workforce investment system which provides job seekers access to tools they need to help manage their careers.

- How can it help students?

WIOA can assist eligible participants with schooling for "in demand" occupations with eligible training providers. The program offers assistance with tuition, books, and fees as well as supportive services when needed. Supportive services include items such as transportation or uniforms required by the program.

- Who is eligible?

WIOA is designed to assist individuals that are in need of training to obtain employment in a demand occupation that will lead to a career path of self-sufficiency. They must also have a high school diploma, be able to provide proof of the right to work in the United States, be 18 years or older, be in compliance with the Selective Service Act, and they must be unemployed or underemployed and in need of services in order to obtain or retain employment.

- What is the process to get started?

Individuals will meet with the Career Development Specialist to determine a need for training. Appropriate occupational choice for training and their ability to successfully participate in the chosen training will be established through assessment. A full education and work history as well as a skills determination will be utilized to determine if the individual is employable at a self-sufficient level with skills already in their possession.

- What happens once the student is deemed eligible?

If considered eligible, the student will complete a participant agreement and create an Individual Employment Plan (IEP) with the Career Development Specialist to establish goals and objectives to complete training. Prior to each semester, a contract will be created to reflect any financial aid contribution, the student's unmet need, and the total WIOA contribution that will be paid to the training provider.

- What is the next step after training is completed?

Once training is completed, participants can utilize resources available through the Workforce Office to job search, learn job interviewing techniques, and gain resume writing tips.