



ON RAMP GRANT PROGRAM FOR DISLOCATED WORKERS

- Have you been laid off or terminated through no fault of your own or have received an official layoff notice?
- Have you recently been honorably discharged from the military?

If so, you might qualify as a *Dislocated Worker*, and you should consider the On-Ramp Program at DCC.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The On-Ramp Grant Program is designed to help the *dislocated worker* upgrade skills and improve chances of career success. This program provides eligible students with free **non-credit** tuition, books, and supplies as they pursue an industry-recognized certification.

The On-Ramp Grant Program is offered through DCC's Workforce Services Office. The programs/courses are shorter in length with flexible start times that lead to credentials for in-demand occupations. The college works closely with employers to identify local employment needs and training sessions that will benefit the dislocated workers seeking retraining and reemployment. Funding is available on a first-come, first-served basis to qualified individuals.

PROGRAM BENEFITS

In addition to financial support, program participants will also receive:

- Assistance with career tools that help assess skill levels and interest
- Help developing a career and training plan
- Information about the most in-demand career fields in the local area, employment resources and services
- Advising from the On-Ramp Grant Program Coordinator
- Referral to other departments or agencies as appropriate for additional support

PARTICIPANT QUALIFICATIONS/ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for the On-Ramp Grant Program, you must:

- Be 18 years of age or older
- Be classified as a Dislocated Worker as defined by Workforce Investment Act criteria. (*Eligible workers who have been laid off through no fault of their own, have received an upcoming lay-off notice, displaced homemakers or caretakers, owners of a failed small business, those who are/have been eligible for unemployment insurance, and Transitioning Service Members [recently separated Veterans]*).
- Select a non-credit course/sequence of courses designed to lead to an industry-validated certification or licensure.
- Work with the college's Financial Aid Office to ensure the client meets federal eligibility criteria.
- Be a U.S. citizen or have the right to work in the U.S.
- Be a Selective Service registrant (if applicable)
- Complete the On-Ramp Intake Form

CONTACT

To see if you qualify, call

- DCC's Workforce Services Office 434.797.6423
- Virginia Workforce Center 434.549.8223