WORKFORCE EDUCATION THAT WORKS FOR YOU

According to an IBM CEO study, 100% of today’s jobs will change. Yes, 100%. And half of those jobs will be automated within five years, according to the World Economic Forum. That will radically change who does (and how they do) the work.

Add to that an Australian study which estimates that the average professional worker will have 17 jobs across five industries over their careers, and it becomes clear that continuing education and upskilling throughout one’s career is not only beneficial – it’s necessary to keep up with today’s rapidly evolving workplace.

Enter South Central College (SCC) Customized Workforce Education, formerly known as the Center for Business & Industry. This new name embodies what the department offers – continuing education and industry certifications, customized training for businesses, employee skills training, and personal and professional development for individuals in the community.

With today’s fast-paced world in mind, SCC Customized Workforce Education offers a variety of training options to fit the needs of working professionals. One such option is a live online course, which utilizes Zoom and high-quality instructors to facilitate live trainings in a virtual classroom.

Although the recent pandemic has generated what some refer to as “Zoom fatigue,” SCC has been offering live online workforce education courses since well before the Zoom boom. SCC offering virtual classes has been advantageous, said Kristin Underwood, MnDOT Training & Development Specialist. “In District 7, we have 300+ employees all over southwestern MN. SCC offering virtual classes has been great for meeting both our learning and geographical needs during such an uncertain time. Our employees are even starting to prefer the flexibility of live online classes—which is a huge culture shift for us and opens up so many possibilities in the future!”

In addition to live online courses, SCC Customized Workforce Education offers a wide selection of online courses and non-credit certificates to meet individual needs.

One exciting new online offering that’s rolling out this Spring semester is a non-credit to credit pathway in the Office Administration and Technology (OTEC) program at South Central College. Companies can register their employees or individuals can register themselves as non-degree seeking students through SCC Customized Workforce Education to take online OTEC courses, starting with Computer Technology and/or Microsoft Excel. Successful completers will earn credit for prior learning for each 16-week course they take, meaning they’ll already have 3-4 credits per course under their belt if they ever decide to apply to SCC and work toward the 17-credit Administrative Office Specialist Business Software certificate.

Another recent addition to SCC’s continuing education online offerings stems from a partnership with the Learning Resources Network (LERN), the world’s largest association in continuing education and lifelong learning. LERN online certificates and courses are developed and taught by industry experts in high-demand fields like business, marketing, management, data science, and technology. The skills training provided through these non-credit certificates not only leads to more opportunities and career advancement for the learners, but it can also increase efficiency and productivity for their employers. SCC Customized Workforce Education welcomes all professionals and adult learners in Southern Minnesota to learn a new skill or advance their career through continuing education courses.

New Supervisor Skills Workshop

Develop the leadership skills you need to transition into a supervisor role in this 16-hour live online training workshop. Whether you’ve recently moved into a supervisor role, you’ve been in the role for a while and want to improve your skills, or you want to prepare for a future supervisor role, this training is for you. Learn how to transition from peer to supervisor, set expectations, assign and delegate work, resolve conflict and provide feedback in a way that supports and motivates your team to be their best. You’ll also discover and build on your personal strengths, influence, and leadership style through assessments and activities.

4 weeks – Wednesdays, February 2-23, 8am-Noon
Live Online (Zoom) | Cost: $349

MN All License Boiler Operator Exam Prep

Learn everything you need to know to pass your boiler license exam from an expert instructor with 30+ years of experience, without leaving home or the workplace! Our live online Boiler Operator Exam Prep class will ensure your success on the licensing exam required by the Department of Labor – no matter which license you’re working toward. Downloadable study materials and practice tests will be provided during class to ensure your success.

Saturday, February 19, 8:30am-3:30pm
Live Online (Zoom) | Cost: $225

Data Analysis is quickly becoming one of the most sought-after skills in the workplace. Companies have vast amounts of data, but it is rare to have someone with the ability to analyze that data to see trends and make predictions. Add a whole new skill set to your portfolio and make a big difference in the success of your organization by acquiring data analysis skills. Whether your business is home based or a large company, this online certificate will take you to the next level where important decision-making is concerned.

February 7 – April 29
Online (24/7 Access) | Cost: $495

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