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An instructor explains safety techniques to students in the SSC Highway Construction Careers Training Program.

Highway Construction Careers Training Program Offered Soon at South Suburban College

OAK FOREST, IL—The Highway Construction Careers Training Program (HCCTP) at South Suburban College (SSC) is gearing up for their next short-term program. Registration for this program is currently open for the Summer and Fall Semesters.

The HCCTP has been offered at SSC since 2014. Completers of the 12-week program are equipped with various skills that can lead to employment in the trades with high income potential. Career opportunities for those who complete the program include but are not limited to: electrician, iron worker, pipefitter, carpenter, laborer and equipment operator.

The application process begins at the mandatory one-hour informational orientation followed directly by assessment testing. Orientation and assessment testing will take place between June 21 and June 23, 2022 for the summer session beginning on Monday, July 18, 2022. Orientation

and assessment testing for the fall will take place between August 9 and August 11, 2022 with a start date of Tuesday, September 6, 2022.

The program will run daily, Monday through Friday, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older, have a high school diploma or GED, an interest in working in the trades, and successfully pass a drug screening (including THC). Those who apply are also required to provide a valid driver's license.

A goal of the SSC HCCTP is to increase the number of minorities, women and veterans working in Illinois highway construction. The HCCTP is funded through a partnership with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), thus allowing the tuition to be waived. While enrolled, students will be paid a stipend of \$10 per hour for each full hour of training completed.

For more information, or to register, visit www.ssc.edu/hcctp or call Rebecca Garcia at (708) 225-6004. All orientation and assessment testing will be held at SSC's Oak Forest Center, located at 16333 South Kilbourn Avenue, Oak Forest, Illinois. Para información en Español, llame (708) 210-5740.

The Illinois Department of Transportation and the participating community colleges do not guarantee employment upon trainees' graduation from the Highway Construction Careers Training Program.

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