

## King County Community and Technical Colleges Worker Retraining Program

### Program Description

If you have been laid off, hours or wages reduced due to COVID-19 than you may be eligible for Worker Retraining funding.

The Worker Retraining Program is a state funded program that provides educational funding for laid off and dislocated workers who may want training to get back into the workforce. This could be a short-term certificate or a 2-year Associates of Applied Science degree (AA) to upgrade your current skills or start on a new career path.

### Resources

The Worker Retraining program can provide immediate financial assistance for college, educational counseling, and personal advising with a Worker Retraining Specialist.

### Eligibility

To be eligible for the Worker Retraining Program you must be a Washington state resident and meet ONE of the following criteria below:

- Currently receiving or eligible to receive unemployment benefits.
- Exhausted Unemployment benefits in the last 4 years.
- Formerly self-employed and business is no longer viable.
- Spouse may be eligible IF unemployed or underemployed after having been dependent on another family member's income, but no longer supported by that income due to separation, divorce, death, or permanent disability of the main wage-earner.
- Recently discharged veteran (and or received a discharge notice) with in the last 48 months
- Vulnerable Worker – A worker who is at risk of being unemployed and meets TWO of the following requirements:
  - Your job is not in demand ([Local Area Demand/Decline Occupations list](#))
  - You do not have more than 45 college credits
  - You must upgrade your skills to remain employed at your current job

### Contact & Access information

To see if you are eligible, go to [startnextquarter.org](http://startnextquarter.org) to sign up for workshop today. For general questions and/or referrals please contact:

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For more information or to make an appointment please contact your local college.

### Location(s)

Bellevue College – Bellevue  
[Workforce-ed@bellevuecollege.edu](mailto:Workforce-ed@bellevuecollege.edu) 425-564-4054

Cascadia College – Bothell  
[workforceinfo@cascadia.edu](mailto:workforceinfo@cascadia.edu) 425-352-8256

Green River College – Auburn  
[workforce@greenriver.edu](mailto:workforce@greenriver.edu) 253-833-9111 ext. 2211

Highline College – Des Moines  
[retrain@hignline.edu](mailto:retrain@hignline.edu) 206-592-3802

Lake Washington Institute of Technology – Kirkland  
[wfd@lwtech.edu](mailto:wfd@lwtech.edu) 425-739-8339

North Seattle College – North Seattle  
[nworkforce@seattlecollege.edu](mailto:nworkforce@seattlecollege.edu) 206-934-3787

Renton Technical College – Renton  
[www.rtc.edu](http://www.rtc.edu) 425-235-5840

Seattle Central College – Seattle Central District  
[Workforceservices@seattlecolleges.edu](mailto:Workforceservices@seattlecolleges.edu) 206-934-3854

Shoreline Community College - Shoreline  
[Workforce@shoreline.edu](mailto:Workforce@shoreline.edu) 206-546-6992

South Seattle College – West Seattle  
[workforcesouth@seattlecolleges.edu](mailto:workforcesouth@seattlecolleges.edu) 206-934-5835