Who says you have to attend college for four years?

The career and technical programs at Spoon River College are designed to get you in, get you a degree or a certificate, and get you on your way to a new career. In fact, a number of the 36 different certificate programs can be completed in one or two years. Or, you can go for an Associate in Applied Science degree, which can often be “built” from the certificates in a particular program.

With guidance from advisory boards that are comprised of individuals working in specific career fields, the College is able to ensure that the programs offered are meeting the most current needs of industry employers in our area. And that’s a win-win for everyone.

Does program completion really lead to employment?

Michelle Robbins’ desire to better herself financially led her to the Health Information Management program... which led to an Associate in Applied Science degree... which led to a full-time job. Mission accomplished.

Dale Young was retired from the Air Force and already had a bachelor’s degree when he enrolled in the Commercial Driver Training program at Spoon River College. He was looking for a “second career,” and he found it. These days, Young is the one teaching the CDT program, which offers a 17-hour CDT certificate and a 10-hour Basic CDT certificate.

Jeff Myers of Canton was laid off and seeking new skills to increase his chances of finding employment. He succeeded and was hired by MATCOR after completing the welding program.

Training in SRC’s Career & Technical Education programs might not guarantee employment, but having a degree or certificate to your name will certainly boost your chances. This newsletter outlines some of our programs, what the commitment to train would be, and best of all... what the payoff could be.

Look inside for gainful employment information!
Career & Technical Education Programs

At Spoon River College, our goal is to train students to work in high-demand career fields. Not only do we prepare you for the job you want, we aim to help you contribute to the success of our communities’ business and industry. All of our Career & Technical Education programs meet the needs of our area employers.

According to Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce, 30% of the 46.8 million job openings created by 2018 will require some college or a two-year associate degree. Want more stats? The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that jobs requiring some significant education and training beyond high school, but less than a bachelor’s degree, will account for about 45% of all job openings projected through 2014.

Spoon River College currently offers 36 different certificate programs and 10 associate degree programs. We’ve provided gainful employment information for 13 of these programs, but you can find more on our website... src.edu!

Agriculture Business Management
Associate in Applied Science Degree
SRC Tuition and Fees: $11,460 estimated
Time to Complete: 5 Semesters
SRC Completions (2012-2013): 2
On-time Completion Rate: 100%
Occupations: Farmer, Farm Manager, Rancher
Median wages (2012): $33.32 hourly, $69,300 annually
Employment (2010): 1,203,000 employees
Projected growth (2010-2020): -3 to -9%
Projected job openings (2010-2020): 234,500
Projected job openings (Illinois): 12,500

Basic Commercial Driver Training
License-Only Certificate
SRC Tuition and Fees: $3,745 estimated
Time to Complete: 1 Semester
SRC Completions (2012-2013): 41
On-time Completion Rate: 78%
Occupations: Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers
Median wages (2012): $18.37 hourly, $38,200 annually
Employment (2010): 1,605,000 employees
Projected growth (2010-2020): 28%
Projected job openings (2010-2020): 649,400
Projected job openings (Illinois): 19,700

Computer Information Technology
Associate in Applied Science Degree
SRC Tuition and Fees: $9,200 estimated
Time to Complete: 4 Semesters
SRC Completions (2012-2013): 0
On-time Completion Rate: n/a
Occupations: IT Manager, IT Director, Tech Services Manager
Median wages (2012): $58.15 hourly, $120,950 annually
Employment (2010): 308,000 employees
Projected growth (2010-2020): 10 to 19%
Projected job openings (2010-2020): 102,800
Projected job openings (Illinois): 4,000

Diesel and Power Systems
Associate in Applied Science Degree
SRC Tuition and Fees: $10,700 estimated
Time to Complete: 5 Semesters
SRC Completions (2012-2013): 18
On-time Completion Rate: 83%
Occupations: Diesel Repair Shop Owner/Operator
Median wages (2012): $20.35 hourly, $42,320 annually
Employment (2010): 242,000 employees
Projected growth (2010-2020): 10 to 19%
Projected job openings (2010-2020): 87,800
Projected job openings (Illinois): 2,200

Digital Design Information Technology
Associate in Applied Science Degree
SRC Tuition and Fees: $8,165 estimated
Time to Complete: 4 Semesters
SRC Completions (2012-2013): 2
On-time Completion Rate: 100%
Occupations: Graphics Developer, Creative Director, Web Developer
Median wages (2012): $21.22 hourly, $44,150 annually
Employment (2010): 279,000 employees
Projected growth (2010-2020): 10 to 19%
Projected job openings (2010-2020): 123,800
Projected job openings (Illinois): 5,000

Early Childhood Development
Certificate
SRC Tuition and Fees: $3,000 estimated
Time to Complete: 2 Semesters
SRC Completions (2012-2013): 2
On-time Completion Rate: 100%
Occupations: Preschool Teachers, Pre-K Teachers
Median wages (2012): $13.04 hourly, $27,130 annually
Employment (2010): 457,000 employees
Projected growth (2010-2020): 20 to 28%
Projected job openings (2010-2020): 232,400
Projected job openings (Illinois): 5,200
Emergency Medical Technician
Certificate Certifies Student to Take EMT Licensure Exam
SRC Tuition and Fees: $1,320 estimated
Time to Completion: 1 Semester
SRC Completions (2012-2013): 23
On-time Completion Rate: 82%
Occupations: Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics
Median wages (2012): $14.91 hourly, $31,200 annually
Employment (2010): 227,000 employees
Projected growth (2010-2020): 29%
Projected job openings (2010-2020): 120,800
Projected job openings (Illinois): 5,300

Health Information Management
Associate in Applied Science Degree
SRC Tuition and Fees: $9,090 estimated
Time to Complete: 4 Semesters
SRC Completions (2012-2013): 11
On-time Completion Rate: 81%
Occupations: Medical Assistant, Medical Coder, Hospital Unit Secretary
Median wages (2012): $15.07 hourly, $31,350 annually
Employment (2010): 509,000 employees
Projected growth (2010-2020): 29%
Projected job openings (2010-2020): 278,400
Projected job openings (Illinois): 4,200

Medical Coding
Certificate
SRC Tuition and Fees: $5,661 estimated
Time to Complete: 2 Semesters
SRC Completions (2012-2013): 10
On-time Completion Rate: 100%
Occupations: Coder, Health Information Technician
Employment (2010): 180,000 employees
Projected growth (2010-2020): 20 to 28%
Projected job openings (2010-2020): 73,700
Projected job openings (Illinois): 2,200

Nursing Assistant
Certificate Certifies Student to Take CNA Licensure Exam
SRC Tuition and Fees: $1,085 estimated
Time to Completion: 1 Semester
SRC Completions (2012-2013): 23
On-time Completion Rate: 82%
Occupations: Nursing Assistants, Nursing Aide, Certified Medication Aide
Median wages (2012): $11.74 hourly, $24,420 annually
Employment (2010): 1,505,000 employees
Projected growth (2010-2020): 10 to 19%
Projected job openings (2010-2020): 39,100

Nursing
Associate in Applied Science Degree
SRC Tuition and Fees: $10,205 estimated
Time to Complete: 5 Semesters
SRC Completions (2012-2013): 29
On-time Completion Rate: 83%
Occupations: Registered Nurse
Median wages (2012): $31.48 hourly, $65,470 annually
Employment (2010): 2,737,000 employees
Projected growth (2010-2020): 10 to 19%
Projected job openings (2010-2020): 327,200
Projected job openings (Illinois): 39,100

Small Business Management
Associate in Applied Science Degree
SRC Tuition and Fees: $8,540 estimated
Time to Complete: 4 Semesters
SRC Completions (2012-2013): 0
On-time Completion Rate: n/a
Occupations: Owner/Operator of Small Business
Median wages (2012): $31.31 hourly, $65,120 annually
Employment (2010): 1,064,000 employees
Projected growth (2010-2020): 10 to 19%
Projected job openings (2010-2020): 327,200
Projected job openings (Illinois): 21,500

Welding Operator
Certificate
SRC Tuition and Fees: $1,240 estimated
Time to Completion: 1 Semester
SRC Completions (2012-2013): 35
On-time Completion Rate: 96%
Occupations: Welder, Fabricator, MIG Welder, Braze Operator
Median wages (2012): $16.69 hourly, $34,720 annually
Employment (2010): 42,000 employees
Projected growth (2010-2020): 3 to 9%
Projected job openings (2010-2020): 12,800
Projected job openings (Illinois): 1,200

OPEN NOW:
Summer and Fall Registration
To check the schedule, visit src.edu and click on schedule & registration under the Quick Links section.
Michelle Robbins of Cuba has always been a hard worker, but a lack of any secondary education or marketable skills limited her employment opportunities. Wanting more, she enrolled in the Health Information Management program at Spoon River College.

In 2012, she walked across the stage at commencement and received her Associate in Applied Science/Health Management Degree, along with certificates in Medical Coding, Medical Insurance/Billing, Medical Records, and Medical Transcription.

Today, Robbins is employed full-time as the Business Office Coordinator at Heartland Health Care Center, which is also where she did her internship.

“Spoon River College is a great place to get an education,” Robbins said. “What I learned there provided me with the skills to better myself financially. It gave me options I didn’t have before.”