FastForward is a high-demand program helping Virginians get the jobs they want and the salaries they need. FastForward programs are short-term training courses offered through Virginia’s Community Colleges to help you fast-track your career.

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Phlebotomy Technician Program (NHA)
Phlebotomy Technicians are critical team members at hospitals, diagnostic laboratories and blood donor centers. As advancements in medical technology rise, it’s an especially exciting time to begin a career in this thriving field. Earning your Phlebotomy Technician Certification (CPT) from NHA can give employers confidence in your skills and abilities. Set yourself up for success and reach your career goals in the rewarding healthcare industry. The phlebotomy training program is broken into two segments: 60 hours of classroom and 40 hours of externship (must have 40 successful, unaided blood collections including venipunctures and skin punctures). Students will be trained to collect, transport, handle, and process blood and other specimens for laboratory analysis using venipuncture and micro-collection techniques.

VA residents (FastForward*): $733 | Regular Cost: $2,199
*Additional financial assistance available for those who qualify.

Six Sigma Green Belt
The course presents the Lean Six Sigma Green Belt body of knowledge in a simulation workshop, application oriented manner. Lean Six Sigma Green Belt tools will be demonstrated using a project simulation that takes the participants through the DMAIC process improvement methodology. The course format is developed around a Train-and-Do approach. Classroom activities will include a combination of lecture and simulation exercises.

VA residents (FastForward*): $800 | Regular Cost: $2,400
Additional financial assistance available for those who qualify.

Six Sigma Yellow Belt
Six Sigma Yellow Belt training provides insight to the techniques of Six Sigma, its metrics, and basic improvement methodologies. A yellow belt certifies knowledge of how to integrate Six Sigma methodologies for the improvement of production and transactional systems to better meet customer expectations and bottom-line objectives of their organization.

VA residents (FastForward*): $400 | Regular Cost: $1,200
*Additional financial assistance available for those who qualify.

Certified Billing & Coding Specialist
This course is designed for healthcare and billing professionals, people interested in the business aspect of healthcare, and office managers. This class prepares students for entry-level medical office positions. Student will learn to collect, analyze, and manage the information that streams the healthcare industry. Training will be provided in insurance and medical claims processing in accordance with professional, legal, and insurance industry standards. Students will become trained as an invaluable part of the healthcare system. This program and curriculum is written around the test blueprint. This course and the CBEX Exam is this theory and concept behind medical billing and coding. It is your first step in advancing your career.

VA residents (FastForward*): $875 | Regular Cost: $2,625
Additional financial assistance available for those who qualify.

Certified Production Technician
The purpose of the Certified Production Technician (CPT) program is to recognize through certification, individuals who demonstrate mastery of the core competencies of manufacturing production at the front-line (entry-level through front-line supervisor) through successful completion of the certification assessments. The goal of the CPT certification program is to raise the level of performance of production workers both to assist the individuals in finding higher-wage jobs and to help employers ensure their workforce increases the company’s productivity and competitiveness.

The CPT program consists of four individual certificate modules: Safety; Quality Processes & Measurements; Manufacturing Processes & Production; and Maintenance Awareness. Candidates must earn the four certificates to receive the full CPT certification.

VA residents (FastForward*): $630 | Regular Cost: $1,890
*Additional financial assistance available for those who qualify.

Commercial Driver’s License Program
VA is partnering with a local company to provide this critical training for those aspiring to be a professional truck driver holding a CDL-A endorsement. More than 35,000 jobs are currently available nationwide and local, regional and over-the-road trucking companies are looking for qualified drivers. Local, regional and Over-The-Road companies are looking for certified drivers. Students often hear from trucking company recruiters while attending training and could have job offers before they graduate.

VA residents (FastForward*): $1,333.33 | Regular Cost: $4,000
Additional financial assistance available for those who qualify.

Photovoltaic - Entry Level
The NAABEP PV Associate Program is designed for those individuals wanting to get into the solar field, achievement of the NABCEP PV Associate Certification is a way for candidates to demonstrate that they have achieved a basic knowledge of the fundamental principles of the application, design, installation, and operation of grid-tied and stand-alone PV Systems. As the market grows for PV, Solar Heating and Small Wind technologies, individuals with an industry-validated NABCEP Associate Exam credential may find that their employment opportunities are enhanced and their resumes distinguished. Employers can have confidence that they are hiring or promoting someone who is committed to learning and professionalism, and who has demonstrated a strong understanding of the basic terms and operational aspects of a PV system.

VA residents (FastForward*): $475 | Regular Cost: $1,425
Additional financial assistance available for those who qualify.

Remote Airman Training
Have you heard the Federal Aviation Authority’s Part 107 UAS (Unmanned Aerial Systems) certification test is not easy? It is true. It requires in-depth knowledge of many FAA regulations in regards to not only commercial UAS operations but general aviation knowledge. Reading and understanding TAC or sectional chart can take time to master. However, these charts are critical to the determination of airspace that you will be operating. In training, we will review the five main testing areas (Regulations, National Airspace System, Weather, Loading/Performance, and Operations) as well as other information that pertains to commercial operations of UAS under Part 107. You will have the opportunity to take practice tests as well as participate in planning a UAS mission. By the end of the training, you will be prepared for the FAA Part 107 UAS (Unmanned Aerial Systems) certification test.

Tuition: VA residents (FastForward*): $122 | Regular Cost: $366
*Additional financial assistance available for those who qualify. Tuition includes the FAA Part 107 UAS certification test. Individuals must be 16 years of age or older to sit for the FAA exam.