



WORKFORCE CREDENTIAL GRANT...



## 2020 Fall | FastForward Quick Facts

The **FastForward** program also known as the New Economy **Workforce Credential Grant (WCG)** is an initiative for Virginia residents to:

1. Create and sustain demand-driven supply of credentialed workers in high-demand occupations
2. Expand the affordability of workforce training and credentialing; and
3. Increase the interest of current and future Virginians in technically-skilled occupations.

### What is a Credential? How will that help me get a job?

Employers want to know that an applicant has the skills to perform the job. A **Credential** is documentation that you possess skills and abilities as verified by an industry accreditation body. A credential assures an employer you have the required knowledge and ability to perform a specific job(s) rather than having to guess if a job candidate can really do what he/she says they can. Although there are multiple factors employers consider when making job selection decisions, credentials give them the confidence you have the knowledge and skills to perform the job. Possessing in-demand credentials prepares our workforce for job entry and/or advancement in their profession. Another benefit of possessing a credential is portability. As long as you keep your credential current, the credential belongs to you and moves with you if you change employers, even if you move to another state.

### What are High-Demand Occupations?

Virginia has identified current high-demand occupations around the state based on employer feedback, as well as future workforce needs due to employee attrition and new technologies. While some occupations are in need state-wide, other occupations may be unique to specific areas of the state. These occupations either currently have openings or will soon be looking for job candidates.

### How do I obtain the training and ultimately the Credential?

Virginia's Community Colleges have responded by developing credential preparation programs to provide the required training to achieve the industry credential required to enter these high-demand occupations. While learning the skills is critical, **without the credential**, an employer (current or future) cannot be assured you have the required knowledge and ability. Training, *without the credential*, does not quantify your ability.

### How will the WCG help me afford these credential preparation programs?

The funds\* provided by the WCG underwrite the cost of WCG approved programs reducing the cost of the training programs to 1/3 of the full cost. In exchange for the reduced cost, *participants are expected to:*

- a) **Successfully complete the class** by meeting all requirements of the class; and
- b) **Attempt the associated Credentialing Examination.**

### Are there any eligibility requirements?

Yes. The applicant must be a **continuous resident of Virginia for a minimum period of one year and meet the Virginia Domicile requirements**. They must also **meet any minimum age requirements of the qualifying training program** and if the applicant is under 18 years of age, the parent or guardian must sign the promissory note and will be responsible for repayment of the second 1/3 if the student fails to complete the class. There is an appeal process for the domicile requirement for specific exceptions, but the applicant must submit a formal appeal.

## What programs are covered by FastForward (WCG) at LFCC?

**FastForward Eligible Classes** (See current Class Schedule for availability and start dates)

	FASTFORWARD ELIGIBLE CLASS	REGULAR PRICE	FASTFORWARD PRICE	* FANTIC PRICE
1	AWS Cloud Practitioner	\$1,050.00	\$350.00	\$35.00
2	CDL-A Full-Time Option	\$4,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$150.00
3	CDL-A Part-Time, Weekend Option	\$4,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$150.00
4	CDL-B Full Time Option	\$3,900.00	\$1,300.00	\$130.00
5	CDL-B Part Time, Weekend Option	\$3,900.00	\$1,300.00	\$130.00
6	CompTIA A+ Prep & Certification	\$2,499.00	\$833.00	\$83.30
7	CompTIA IT Fundamentals Prep & Certification	\$999.00	\$333.00	\$33.30
8	CompTIA Linux+ Prep & Certification	\$1,497.00	\$499.00	\$49.90
9	CompTIA Network+ Prep & Certification	\$1,695.00	\$565.00	\$56.50
10	CompTIA Security+ Prep & Certification	\$1,611.00	\$537.00	\$53.70
11	Construction Project Management	\$3,114.00	\$1,038.00	\$103.80
12	Electrical Level 1 Apprenticeship	\$2,304.00	\$768.00	\$76.80
13	Electrical Level 2 Apprenticeship	\$1,650.00	\$550.00	\$55.00
14	Electrical Level 3 Apprenticeship	\$1,650.00	\$550.00	\$55.00
15	Electrical Level 4 Apprenticeship	\$1,650.00	\$550.00	\$55.00
16	Heavy Equipment Operator Level 1	\$2,748.00	\$916.00	\$91.60
17	Heavy Equipment Operator Level 1 - Online Hybrid	\$4,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$150.00
18	Heavy Equipment Operator Level 2	\$2,637.00	\$879.00	\$87.90
19	HVAC Level 1 Apprenticeship	\$2,541.00	\$847.00	\$84.70
20	HVAC Level 2 Apprenticeship	\$2,301.00	\$767.00	\$76.70
21	HVAC Level 3 Apprenticeship	\$2,301.00	\$767.00	\$76.70
22	HVAC Level 4 Apprenticeship	\$2,301.00	\$767.00	\$76.70
23	ITIL V.4 Foundation Prep & Certification	\$1,299.00	\$433.00	\$43.30
24	Manufacturing Technician Level 1 Certification (MT1)	\$2,445.00	\$815.00	\$81.50
25	Medical Assistant (CCMA) Program	\$3,195.00	\$1,065.00	\$106.50
26	Medical Assistant Certification Prep (CCMA)	\$1,299.00	\$433.00	\$43.30
27	Medical Scribe	\$1,995.00	\$665.00	\$66.50
28	Medication Aide	\$1,002.00	\$334.00	\$33.40
29	Nurse Aide Program (CNA)	\$1,140.00	\$380.00	\$38.00
30	Patient Service Representative Program (PSR) (CMAA)	\$1,350.00	\$450.00	\$45.00
31	Phlebotomy Technician Program	\$1,995.00	\$665.00	\$66.50
32	Plumbing Level 1 Apprenticeship	\$2,424.00	\$808.00	\$80.80
33	Plumbing Level 2 Apprenticeship	\$1,869.00	\$623.00	\$62.30
34	Plumbing Level 3 Apprenticeship	\$1,869.00	\$623.00	\$62.30
35	Plumbing Level 4 Apprenticeship	\$1,869.00	\$623.00	\$62.30

### \* What if I can't afford to pay the FastForward (WCG) price?

If student has a demonstrated financial need and meets the requirements, additional financial assistance (referred to as FANTIC\*\*) will cover 90% of the student's portion of any eligible WCG program. (For example, if the student portion of a program is \$1,500, a FANTIC qualified student pays \$150.) If you think you may qualify, stop by our office to complete a FANTIC application and provide documentation that establishes your financial need.

\*\* Not to be confused with College Financial Aid. FAFSA not applicable. Administered completely by Workforce Solutions.

### Who do I contact for more information?

Contact the **LFCC Workforce Solutions** office at either our Middletown or Fauquier campus by phone or by coming in. We can set up a time to meet with you, review the process, complete the paperwork and register you for a class if you are ready. We also have a **Workforce Coach** who can assist you if you are unsure of your career path or interest but know you want to enhance your current career or make a change. Let us help you!

- ✓ **Middletown Campus Workforce Solutions Office – (540) 868-7021**
- ✓ **Fauquier Campus Workforce Solutions Office – (540) 351-1524**

Funding for **FastForward (WCG)** and **FANTIC** is **limited** and **subject to availability**. Approvals are first qualified, first registered, first served. Funding for FANTIC is also limited and will be disbursed on first qualified (submission of all required documentation and approval) and first registered. **Funds are not locked in until student portion of the registration is paid.**