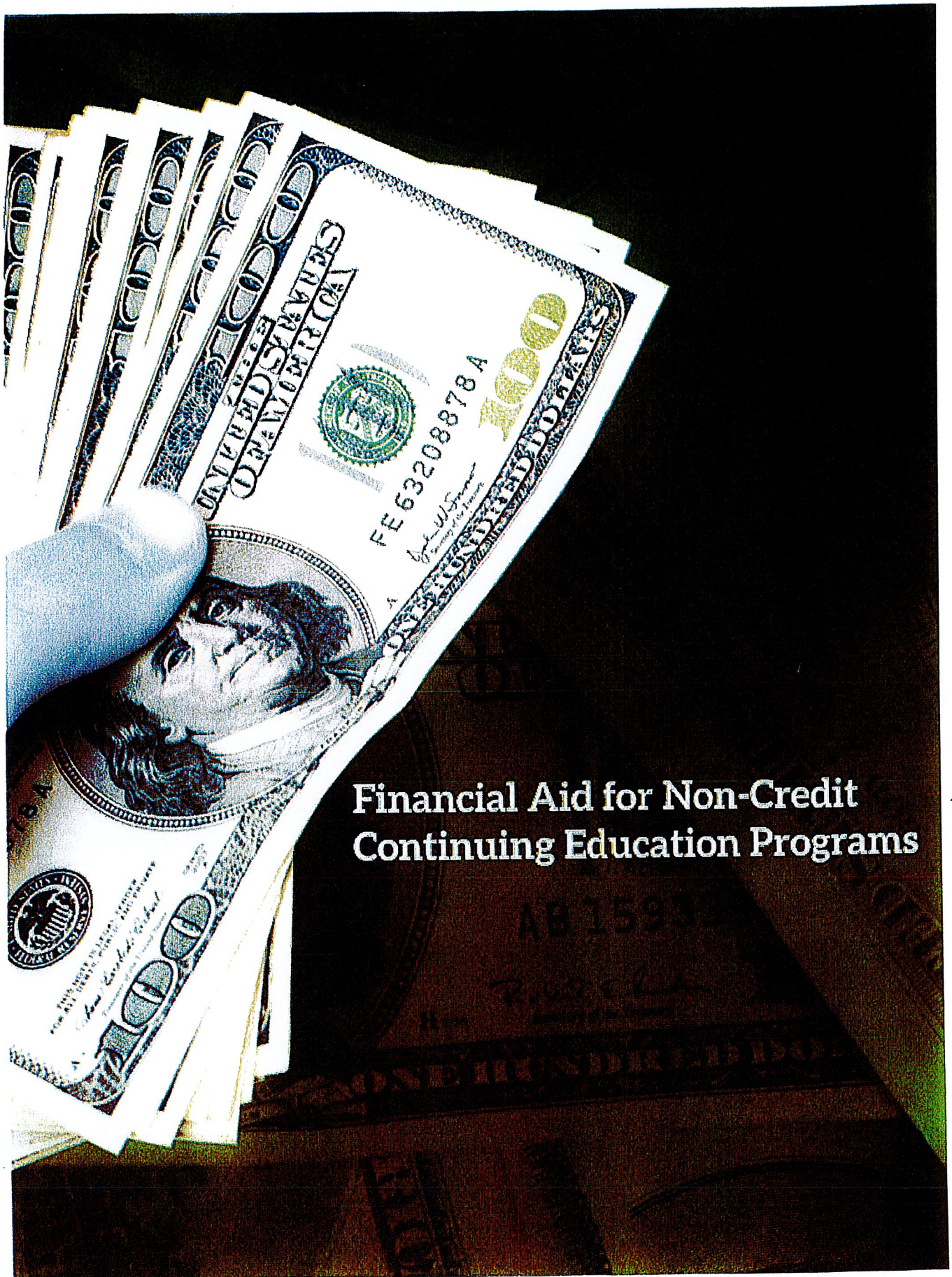




Financial Aid for Non-Credit Continuing Education Programs

FINANCIAL AID FOR NON-CREDIT CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS

GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC AID PROGRAMS

While Continuing Education courses do not qualify for federal Pell Grants, a variety of alternative financial aid sources are available to help individuals pay for non-credit career-focused training. Financial assistance may cover various education expenses such as tuition, fees, books, supplies and transportation.

Attached are resources provided by a variety of government and public aid programs to help you learn about and take advantage of available financial aid options. These sources have varying eligibility criteria and benefits to assist students.

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EMPLOYEE TUITION ASSISTANCE

Some employers provide tuition assistance as an employee benefit. To find out if your employer offers tuition assistance, you can talk to your manager or supervisor, ask your HR representative or check out your employee guides.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: How do I check on the status of my financial aid?

A: Contact your financial aid source directly, using the contact information provided. Your sponsor will be able to provide you with an update on the status of your application and inform you of any pending actions required to complete the process.

Q: How do I check the status of my Continuing Education registration request?

A: Contact Continuing Education Services at (870) 584-1178 or ContinuingEducation@cccua.edu

Q: What is third-party billing mentioned on the registration form?

A: When a student's tuition, books and/or supplies are billed directly to an outside agency or organization, such as one of the financial aid options included in this packet or an employer, the process is termed third party billing. The college agrees to bill the agency or organization directly on behalf of the student. Once written authorization from the sponsoring agency or organization is received third party billing requests can be processed.

NEXT STEPS

Step 1: Review financial aid options, giving attention to eligibility criteria, and identify the source(s) that are a best fit for you in meeting your educational goals.

Step 2: Contact the preferred financial aid source(s), using the contact information provided. Let them know you are interested in attending a career training program at UA Cossatot and would like to learn more about eligibility for training funds.

Step 3: Follow the instructions provided by the financial source to apply for financial assistance.

Once the college receives written authorization of sponsorship from your financial aid source, your seat in the course will be held provided all other admission requirements have been met.

Continuing Education Services is here to help answer questions you or your sponsor may have about available training programs.

ContinuingEducation@cccua.edu
(870) 584-1178



Written authorization from the sponsoring agency or organization may be a letter of authorization on the sponsor's letterhead or other documentation of sponsorship (i.e. purchase request) that includes the sponsoring organizations name, address, telephone number, and name of the course(s) to be paid, and the total amount to be paid by the sponsor.

Third-party billing will hold course(s) provided Continuing Education Services received the appropriate authorization by the published "register by" date and the students fulfills all other admission requirements.

Agencies or organizations requiring course completion or proof of grades before they authorize payment are considered tuition reimbursement programs. These programs do not qualify for the third party billing process. Students participating in tuition reimbursement programs are responsible for making their own payment arrangements and for getting tuition reimbursed directly from their sponsor agency or organization.

Are you a parent? UA Cossatot's Career Pathways program could help you earn a college degree or with classes for income earning skills, including:

Commercial Truck Driving
Nursing Assistant
Medical Billing and Coding
Pharmacy Technician
Aerial Lineman: Communications

Contact:

Crystal Bell-Hunter
(870) 584-1119
cbell@cccua.edu

Hanna Honeycutt
(870) 584-1169
hhoneycutt@cccua.edu

Linda Young
(870) 584-1328
lyoung@cccua.edu

**PRE - APPLY NOW AT
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or visit your local community college!

**Arkansas
Career Pathways**

» Getting a college degree changed my life and CPI made it possible. I used to drive a garbage truck and now I'm a paramedic. I am financially better off and I have more time to spend with my family. »
-Arkansas Career Pathways Initiative Participant



ABOUT CPI

The Arkansas Career Pathways Initiative (CPI) began in 2005 and has grown into a statewide network of twenty-five college locations. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds are provided through the Arkansas Department of Human Services, the Arkansas Division of Workforce Services and further supported by the Arkansas Division of Higher Education.

The goal of CPI is to help parents end their dependence on government benefits by promoting education, job preparation and employment. CPI programs across the state seek to achieve this goal by:

- Increasing enrollment and attainment in college-level degree and workforce preparation programs
- Increasing job attainment and job retention in key industries
- Increasing engagement with employers to generate work opportunities for students and meet private sector workforce needs



» Career Pathways helped me in different ways - emotionally and financially. They were there when I needed them the most. If it were not for them I couldn't have gone to college. »



The path to a brighter future through higher education.



**PRE - APPLY NOW AT
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WHY YOU?

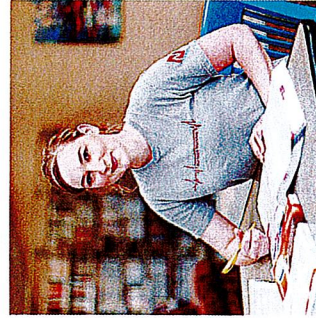
- ✓ CPI participants are employed and earning more than parents in their communities with similar incomes.
- ✓ CPI participants are graduating from college with a degree or certificate at more than twice the average of their college peers.
- ✓ African-American and Hispanic CPI participants are completing degrees or certificates at almost four times the rate of fellow students of color.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Applicants must be a parent or adult caretaker of a child that is under age 21. This includes custodial and noncustodial parents.
- AND -
- Must receive services under one of the following programs: TEA (current or former), SNAP, Medicaid, or ArkKids.
- OR - 250% of the federal poverty level guidelines.

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The Arkansas Career Pathways Initiative helps eligible parents and guardians with a modest household income with college tuition, childcare, transportation, supplies, and support for other college-related expenses. Eligible Arkansas parents have children under age 21 and may be either the custodial or noncustodial parent, or parents that are or have previously been involved in the justice system, and minor parents who are under the age of 24.



OUR SERVICES



Educational Expense Assistance

Tuition
Books
Fees
Course Required Materials
Certification Fees
+ More



Student Support

Childcare
Transportation
Computers/Internet
Success Incentives
+ More



Guidance and Counseling

Career Guidance
Connection to Community Resources
Academic Advising
Mentoring
Tutoring
Work Study Opportunities
Connection to Employers
Case Management Services
+ More

Arkansas Workforce Challenge

Requirements:

- 1) Be an Arkansas Resident**
- 2) Must be a high school graduate or receive high school equivalency**

Deadline: Student must apply at least 30 days prior to enrollment in an eligible program.

Award Amount: Up to \$800 per program

Non-Credit Eligible Programs:

Nursing Assistant

Commercial Truck Driving

Clinical Medical Assistant

Pharmacy Technician

Phlebotomy Technician

Forklift Operator

Frontline Leadership

OSHA 10

OSHA 30

Heartsaver First Aid CPR AED: Total

To apply go to:

<https://sams.adhe.edu/Scholarship/Details/AWC>

If you have any problems applying contact the Arkansas Department of Higher Education at 501-371-2000

Use an email address you will often check that's how the Department of Higher Education will contact you directly.

Arkansas Rehabilitation Services Field Office Locations

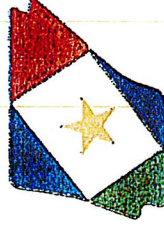
Arkansas Career Training Institute	Jonesboro 870-972-0025
Hot Springs 501-624-4411	Little Rock 501-686-2800
Batesville 870-793-4153	Lonoke 501-676-4490
Benton 501-317-1390	Monticello 870-367-9669
Booneville 479-675-3835	North Little Rock 501-833-1490
Conway 501-730-9725	Pine Bluff 870-534-2404
El Dorado 870-862-5451	Russellville 479-890-5751
Fayetteville 479-582-1286	Texarkana 870-773-2807
Fort Smith 479-755-3300	West Memphis 870-735-4725
Harrison 870-741-7153	Services for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing (SDHH) 501-324-9521
Helena 870-338-2753	
Hot Springs 501-623-4479	

There are 20 ARS Field Offices across the state serving all 75 counties.

501-296-1600 ARCareerEd.org

Arkansas Rehabilitation Services (ARS)

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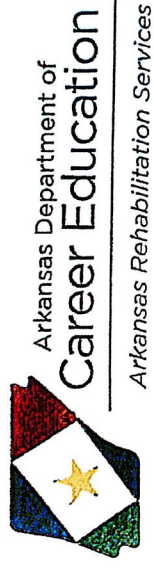
Administrative Offices
525 West Capitol Ave.
P. O. Box 3781
Little Rock, AR 72203
501-296-1600

Call toll-free:
800-330-0632

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Arkansas Rehabilitation Services (ARS)

A division of the Arkansas
Department of Career Education



Providing opportunities for individuals with disabilities to work and lead productive and independent lives.

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Who We Are

The mission of Arkansas Rehabilitation Services Division is to assist persons with disabilities so they are empowered to become employed. Earning a living is a basic right and is valuable for both the individual and the community. A person with a disability faces barriers in various life activities that include the opportunities to train for, locate, and/or keep a job.

Arkansas Rehabilitation Services Division helps individuals overcome those obstacles by focusing on ABILITY rather than DISABILITY. It is good business for everyone. For every dollar spent in Arkansas on Vocational Rehabilitation, roughly seven dollars is returned to the state's economy.

With 19 offices statewide, along with the Arkansas Career Training Institute in Hot Springs, ARS has counselors who serve each of the state's 75 counties. Counselors work out of regional offices and travel to specific locations in the counties they serve on a regular schedule to assure better accessibility of our services.

What We Do

- Transition services for students finishing high school.
- Services for those with special communications needs such as the deaf and hearing impaired.
- Specialized assessment and treatment.
- Vocational training at the Arkansas Career Training Institute (ACTI).

ARS also works with private providers for specialized services.

Eligibility

Anyone who is a legal Arkansas resident and determined eligible for services can qualify. Follow these steps:

- Call the office nearest you and set up an appointment for an initial interview with a counselor.
- Complete the application.
- Undergo an assessment that explores your background, abilities, interests and disability-related barriers to employment. This helps determine eligibility and forms a personalized plan for education, rehabilitation, and training needs.
- The determination of eligibility normally occurs within 60 days. That includes determining the extent of disability and the need for vocational rehabilitation services to prepare for, secure, retain or regain employment. *When funds are limited, services may be prioritized by need.*
- Develop an Individual Employment Plan, working in conjunction with your counselor. This is a mutually agreed upon plan as to the kind of job the client has chosen to work towards, the specific services needed, a realistic time frame in which to accomplish these goals and who is responsible for what.
- The training and rehabilitation services are provided and, when they are completed, the client will receive assistance in finding a job.

The result: A qualified individual who has attained the skills needed to become a valued employee and contributing taxpayer.

- For more information, or an appointment:**
- Call your local field office (listed on the back of this brochure), or
 - Call our toll-free number if unsure of which office to contact, or
 - Return the attached request card to your nearest field office, or
 - Visit our website at ARCareerEd.org.

I would like to be contacted by a counselor from Arkansas Rehabilitation Services Division.

My name is _____

My address is _____

My phone number is _____

My email address is _____

The best time to contact me is _____ a.m. _____ p.m.

Return this portion in an envelope to the ARS office listed on the back of this brochure.

Arkansas Human Development Corporation and the National Farmworker Jobs Program

Have you worked
in agriculture within the last
two years?

Are you unemployed , seasonally
employed or working
part-time?

Are you thinking about going
back to
school for a short-term
course to increase your pay?

If so. let us help?

AGRICULTURAL WORK

- Row Cropping
- Rice River Barge
- Meat Processing Plants
- Rice Grain
- Nursing Tree Farms
- Soy Beans
- Harvesting
- Working in poultry houses
- Farm / Field Workers/ Livestock



SHORT-TERM COURSES AVAILABLE

- Truck Driving School
- Welding Certification
- Certified Nursing Assistant
- Emergency Medical Tech.
- Phlebotomy
- Industrial Maintenance
- Medical Code Billing
- and, many more



ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Must be a United States citizen or legally authorized to work in the U.S.
- Employed in an agricultural job within the last two years with low income.
 - if you are a spouse or dependent of seasonal farmworker you might be eligible.
- Must be registered with Selective Services
 - only applies to male farmworkers.



ON THE JOB TRAINING

- On -The- Job training with private employers enables eligible farmworkers to earn wages while training.
- Customers can receive a stipend while obtaining a GED or technical training.

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Farmworkers can train on a job for two to twelve weeks at a public or private company. Participants will also earn wages while training.

**CONTACT
INFORMATION**

**APPLY
ONLINE**



ARKANSAS
Human Development Corporation

ANITA MORROW

AGENCY CELL: 870-331-0196
AMORROW@ARHDC.ORG

COSSOTOT COMMUNITY COLLEGE
183 COLLEGE DRIVE
DEQUEEN, AR 71832

Source of Aid for eligible participants of the Commercial Truck Driving Program and the Nursing Assistant Program:



Southwest Arkansas Planning & Development District, Inc. (SWAPDD) was established as a twelve county regional organization in 1967. SWAPDD consists of twelve counties and 65 cities, and operates as an agent of a general-purpose unit of the local government.

Aid may be available to eligible participants of UA Cossatot's Commercial Truck Driving Program and Nursing Assistant Program through the Southwest Planning and Development District, WIOA Program.

To find out if you are eligible, please contact one of their staff members in your local area at:

870-777-0810 for Hope

870-837-6910 for Camden

870-235-7507 for Magnolia & El Dorado

For contact online, visit:

<https://www.southwestar.org/contact>