

# TURN YOUR RECENT JOB LOSS INTO AN OPPORTUNITY TO GO TO COLLEGE

## WHAT IS WORKER RETRAINING?

Worker Retraining is a Washington State program that pays for all or most of the cost of attending college and is available to students who have applied for or are receiving unemployment insurance (UI). To be eligible, you must have applied for UI and be enrolled in professional-technical education program (see back page).

Worker Retraining can cover the cost of:

- Tuition and fees
- Books
- Transportation
- Tools for classes
- Supplies/uniforms required for classes

\*College has computers & Wi-Fi hot spots to use for online classes

To apply for Worker Retraining support, you must apply for UI at

<http://esd.wa.gov/unemployment>

(or be already receiving UI)

Then enroll in Worker Retraining at

[www.StartNextQuarter.org](http://www.StartNextQuarter.org)

Questions? Contact Seattle Central College Workforce Services Office  
Tel: 206-934-3854 | Email: [WorkforceServices@seattlecolleges.edu](mailto:WorkforceServices@seattlecolleges.edu)

## ARE YOU OUT OF WORK OR WORKING LESS DUE TO COVID-19?

YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR UI AND WORKER RETRAINING IF ...



You have recently **lost your job**, regardless of how many hours you worked each week or how long you worked for the employer; or your **work hours have reduced**



You were a **gig-economy worker** (such as driving Uber or Lyft) and experienced a **loss of income or work hours** due to Covid-19



You were **quarantined due to exposure** to Covid-19, even if your place of employment remained open

# IN WORKER RETRAINING, YOU HAVE EDUCATION OPTIONS

YOU CAN CHOOSE FROM PROFESSIONAL-TECHNICAL ASSOCIATE DEGREE AND CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS IN:

- Basic and Transitional Studies
- Allied Health
- Business and Information Technology
- Creative Arts
- Culinary
- Education and Human Services
- Maritime
- Wood Technology



YOU CAN ALSO CHOOSE BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE PROGRAMS IN:

- Community Health and Education
- Dental Hygiene
- Healthcare Services and Management
- Respiratory Care
- IT Networking
- Applied Behavioral Science

## EXPANDED ELIGIBILITY FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

Under new rules, you may receive up to 39 weeks of unemployment benefits and an additional \$600 in weekly benefits through July 31, 2020.

For more detailed information about expanded eligibility for unemployment insurance benefits, go to

<https://esd.wa.gov/newsroom/Covid-19>

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For more resources on getting help with utilities, food, rent, healthcare, or computer access during COVID-19, go to:

<https://bit.ly/39Q6ycy>