How the Worker Retraining Program Helped Me

Amanda Winkler was a student in the HR Management program at LWTech. Prior to beginning at LWTech, her company notified employees of a layoff and brought in resources to assist. Amanda ended up reaching out to LWTech where she met the Worker Retraining Coordinator, Jayne Heyde, who shared the benefits of the Worker Retraining (WRT) program and was extremely helpful throughout the process of applying and ended up receiving financial assistance towards her tuition and books. Amanda states, “Jayne was quick to provide great resources to support me through the process. I never ask for help, it’s just something I don’t like doing, though this time I did. I reached out and got the support I needed, and it was worth it.” – Amanda Winkler

Federal Food/EBT Recipients Get Access to These Fun Summer Activities

There are many resources around Seattle and the Greater Seattle Area that can provide people with low cost, or free tickets to public, museums, zoos, events and more.

Library Learning Commons Information and Resources

The physical library is back! Many resources are now available at the library:

- Computers + Printers
- Books + Movies
- Study Spaces, and More!

Check us out on the LWTech Library Webpage to find out more about out hours and what we offer!

Learn more about Workforce Programs

- Learn about Workforce Development programs and eligibility guidelines to qualify for tuition, book, and supply assistance. Go to our LWTech YouTube channel to watch a video.

Applying for Food Benefits

- Check out our “Applying for Food Benefits” Video to see how you might be able to get support! Go to our LWTech YouTube channel to watch a video.

Basic Food Materials

Basic Food Materials are still available at wafoodhelp.org. Basic Food is one of Washington’s best tools to address poverty and hunger. A family of four can receive over $600 per month. To help households easily enroll, we continue to staff a hotline where households can receive direct application assistance: 1-888-436-6392.
Worker Retraining (WRT)

The Worker Retraining program at LWTech provides funding and support for eligible dislocated and unemployed workers in training or retraining that will assist them in regaining employment.

Eligibility
You may be eligible to participate in the Worker Retraining (WRT) program at LWTech if you are:

- A laid-off worker who is collecting, or has exhausted, unemployment insurance (UI) benefits in the past 48 months
- A person who is unemployed or under employed, who is primarily supported by another household member, and that support is no longer available (also referred to as displaced housemaker)
- Previously self-employed and closed their business due to economic conditions
- A person vulnerable to lay off, who needs training to stay employed, and hasn’t earned a certificate or degree
- A military veteran who was discharged in the past 48 months
- Active-duty military with separation orders
- Must be enrolled in a professional/technical program at the certificate, Associate’s, or Bachelor’s level, and/or basic skills courses (ABED, ESL, GED, HS+)
- Are not enrolled in a transfer/DTA program

Students in Worker Retraining may Receive:

- Tuition Assistance
- Funding for books and supplies
- Career and Educational advising and planning
- Priority registration
- Assistance completing the CAT/TB application and navigating Unemployment Insurance benefits from an Employment Security Department representative

Start Next Quarter

- Take the “Start Next Quarter” survey to see if you may qualify for BFET or any of our other Workforce Development programs

WRT Questions

- If you have any questions about WRT, please contact WFD@LWTech.edu or call (425) 739-8339

Scholarships and Funding

- FAFSA and WAFSA applications open for 2021 – 2022.
- Check out Washboard.org for scholarship opportunities.
- Look at our RISE center page for LWTech scholarships.
Check out Community Resources Available to Eligible Students

- Washington Connection
- Orca
- YWCA

Student Lingo

**StudentLingo** is a series of online, interactive workshops focused on helping LWTech students achieve their academic and career goals. Choose from different categories. Sign in [HERE](#) and check out this quarters recommended videos.

Recommended Videos

- Communicating Online
- Wellbeing and Success
- Stress Management
- Setting Goals

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