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Plus 50 Gets Older Adults Back to School—and Work

If you’re one of 37 million adults ages 25 to 64 who attended college but never received a degree—or one of millions more who need a new skill for a changing job market—Plus 50 can pave the way to completion.

Through the Plus 50 Encore Completion Program, your local community college is providing programs and services that make it easier than ever for students over 50 to obtain the cutting-edge skills and credentials required to compete for jobs in the health care, education, and social services fields. Your community college offers support and flexibility to help you reach your goals, from choosing a course of study and scheduling classes to finding transportation and applying for financial aid.

“[It was valuable] learning new skills to achieve a goal: a degree for a new start and landing a job after 50.”
—Joliet Junior College Student

“[The classes made me more aware of where I wanted to be going in my career at this time in my life. Also, reviewing my skills and abilities, personality traits, and strengths, I was able to direct my energy toward solid decisions.”
—St. Louis Community College Student

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Anyone in the job market these days knows the competition is fierce—especially for people age 50 and over. It takes longer for workers over 50 to find jobs than it does for their younger counterparts, and workers of all ages with limited education credentials have higher rates of unemployment and greater difficulty than others in finding and securing employment.

Today, 40 percent of people over age 55 remain in the workforce—the highest rate since 1962. If you’re among them and you need a job or a change in careers, earning a certificate or degree in the high-demand fields of health care, education, and social services will help you beat the competition.

Increase Earning Potential

With every additional level of U.S. workers’ education, their average unemployment rate falls and their average earnings rise. Many of the jobs in the fast-growing fields of health care, education, and social services require some education beyond high school.

That doesn’t mean you need a four-year degree to succeed in these fields. Many jobs require less than a bachelor’s or an associate degree. Plus 50 community colleges can help students identify and gain the skills and credentials they need for higher-paying jobs in their local areas.

Open Doors to New Fields

Community colleges are leading the way in designing degree and certificate programs to prepare workers for careers in the fast-growing industries of health care, education, and social services. Many of these colleges are creating special Plus 50 programs for students 50 and over who want to complete degrees or certificates they began years ago or start new ones to get ahead.

In an independent evaluation of community colleges’ Plus 50 programs, 90 percent of students agreed that workforce training helped them acquire new job skills—and 72 percent said it was the key to landing a job.

Give Back to Your Community

The Plus 50 Encore Completion Program not only provides mature workers with the skills and knowledge they need; it also offers degrees and certificates in the fields of health care, education, and social services that provide the benefits of personal fulfillment, social impact, and continued income—enabling people to enjoy work that makes a real difference in their communities. The Plus 50 Encore Completion Program empowers people to put their passion to work.