



BETHLEHEM AREA

VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL

Division of Adult & Continuing Education

"Navigate Your Future"

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BAVTS – Division of Continuing Education is a career and technical school located in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. As a community-based, public training facility, our goal is to provide adults with a variety of opportunities to build careers. As a non-profit entity, the Continuing Education Department also shares teaching space and some essential core administrative services with Bethlehem Area Vocational-Technical School – a very cost effective relationship.

We Offer Training in a Variety of High Demand Trade Areas.

Need training for a better job? Need it fast?

Since 1992 we have provided short-term occupational training for over 30,000 adults in the Lehigh Valley and beyond. As a non-profit, community-based public training facility, our goal is to provide adults with a variety of "opportunities to build careers." We were there to help thousands of our neighbors retrain and re-purpose themselves when the Bethlehem Steel Corporation ceased to be the area's largest employer.

Today, we train adults each year to work in the high demand career areas in the Lehigh Valley. A lot of the courses we offer prepare adults to exit not only with the knowledge and skills needed for entry-level employment, but with an Industry Certification to verify their newly acquired skills. Just as thousands of our students have done for themselves in the past, we're certain you'll find direction TODAY at BAVTS.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Do I have to have a high school diploma or GED to take classes?

BAVTS does not require a diploma or GED to take most of our courses. However, all programs resulting in licensing or industry certification generally WILL require exam applicants to have a GED or diploma. As you might guess, employers will also look for candidates with a GED or diploma.

Are there age restrictions for attending Continuing Education classes?

Individuals ages 18 and older can attend most Continuing Education classes at Bethlehem-AVTS as long as they meet entrance requirements. Some courses have minimum age restrictions due to either the invasive nature of the skills learned or due to state/certification regulations.

Do you offer financial aid?

No, most of our courses do not qualify for federal or state student loans due to the short duration of the classes. We do offer interest-free payment plans for students enrolled in qualifying programs. For more information about payment plans, please contact us.

Do you offer job placement services?

While we do not place students directly in jobs, we do offer career counseling, resume assistance and invite employers into the classrooms to discuss career opportunities.

Will I receive a Diploma?

BAVTS courses are non-credit only. Students who successfully complete courses receive a Certificate of Completion which shows the total course contact hours in CEU's (Continuing Education Units). While CEU's are not equivalent to college credits (they do not transfer to other schools), they are often used to document required Continuing Education for persons in various professions/occupations.

Ready to make your employment dreams come true?

Contact us at conted@bavts.org or call at 610-866-8013 (Ext. 111)