



# **BETHLEHEM AREA**

## VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL

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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 affective relationship.

### **We Offer Training in Health Care, HVAC, Residential Electricity, Machining, Plumbing and Esthetics**

#### **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 repurpose themselves when the Bethlehem Steel Corporation ceased to be the area’s largest employer.

Today, we train hundreds of people each year to work in what’s now the largest occupational cluster of our region — health care. Nearly every course we offer prepares students to exit not only with the knowledge and skills needed for employment, but with an Industry Certification to verify their newly acquired abilities. 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. We encourage you to complete your education and/or obtain your GED before taking courses with us simply because doing so greatly enhances your employ-ability.

#### **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. We also partner with Bethlehem First Credit Union for low-interest Education Loans for our students. For more information about payment plans or gaining membership to Bethlehem First Credit Union, 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?**

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