



What is WIA and How Do I Get It?

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WIA stands for Workforce Investment Act. The funding for WIA comes from the Federal Department of Labor. Isothermal Planning & Development Commission in Rutherfordton, NC operates the Region C Workforce Development Consortium for Rutherford, Polk, Cleveland, and McDowell Counties.

The goal of WIA is to provide universal access for locating employment or enhancing current employment using your local NC JobLink Career Center. JobLink is a one-stop career center where you can access a variety of agencies and programs to help you with employment-related issues such as career training and job placement.

WIA is one of several workforce development programs available at JobLink. The program provides employment assistance and services based on your employment status, your family's self sufficiency, and any barriers to employment you may have. When JobLink customers are not successful in acquiring or retaining self-sufficient employment, they may be recommended for training services. **To be accepted for enrollment, primary consideration is given based on the applicant's work history, current education and skill levels as well as ability to fully complete and benefit from a short-term (up to two years) vocational training program in an occupation based on the regional labor market.**

WIA has separate programs for Youth (14-21 years of age), Adults, and Dislocated Workers. The NC Employment Security Commission operates another WIA program for dislocated workers using "discretionary" funds, as well as the TAA Trade Act Training Programs. WIA and TAA collaborate so that all of the funds can be used to help the most number of individuals.

If you qualify and are accepted for enrollment in WIA, our trained case managers will:

- Assist you with developing an individual employment plan
- Give you financial assistance to help pay for your training program
- Help you access support services from the JobLink partners and other community agencies

How to apply for WIA...

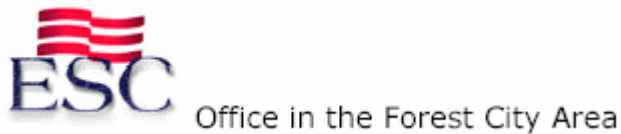
You must apply for WIA in the workforce region where you live. The WIA office at Isothermal Community College is located in the lobby of Student Services, Room 14, or call 286-3636, ext. 315.

For allied healthcare programs in Rutherford, Polk, Cleveland, or McDowell Counties call Linda Knippa, Senior Workforce Development Specialist, (828) 287-0262, ext. 1256 or (800) 852-0883, ext. 1256.

For all other training programs, contact the ICC WIA office, (828) 286-3636, ext. 315 or the Rutherford/Polk County JobLink Career Center in Forest City, (828) 245-9841.

Rutherford County JobLink Career Center/NC Employment Security Office
139 E Trade St, Forest City, NC 28043

Tonya Boykins, JobLink Coordinator, (828) 245-9841
Equal Opportunity Employer Program



TAA –Trade Act Programs

Trade Act programs are available to assist individuals who have become unemployed as a result of increased imports from, or shifts in production to, foreign countries. The goal of the Trade Act Programs is to help trade-affected workers return to suitable employment as quickly as possible.

Links

www.doleta.gov

Contact:

Stella Carroll at
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Forest City , NC 28043

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