



The Social Development Commission Career Services department offers a variety of programs to help job seekers find work that is fulfilling and financially rewarding. Courses help students develop skills that companies value. In addition, students graduate with certifications to increase marketability in the workplace.

Skills Enhancement and Career Training Programs

These programs help participants pursue a career path they choose. Our Career Training program helps job seekers prepare resumes, explore career possibilities and connect with employers. The Skills Enhancement program targets participants who are employed but want to pursue higher paying jobs. The program covers tuition costs allowing participants to get industry-specific training and additional certifications.



Absolute Advantage

Are you interested in entering the construction industry, receiving certification, and being prepared to find a great paying new job? If so, register now to learn more about SDC's Absolute Advantage Pre-Apprenticeship Class.

Absolute Advantage is a 10-week pre-apprenticeship course for income-eligible applicants. Students will gain valuable knowledge in residential construction, deconstruction, demolition, environmental services and everything you need to know to enter the workforce as a pre-apprentice. Students gain hands-on experience through opportunities created by SDC's partnership with Ezekiel Community Development Corporation and White Glove Group, Inc.

Our program provides an introductory path to careers in:

- Carpentry
- Electrical
- Weatherization
- General Laborer
- Plumbing
- HVAC
- Introduction to Hazardous Materials (Lead, Asbestos, and Mold)
- Deconstruction
- Demolition

Upon completion of Absolute Advantage, students receive national certification from the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER), OSHA 10 Construction Safety, Lead Abatement Certification (additional eligibility).

Must be 18 years of age or older, have a high school diploma/equivalency or open to obtain, possess or be eligible to obtain a valid driver's license, availability and willingness to participate.

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ChefStart

This is a six-week course for anyone who likes to cook. In fact, successful students develop skills that allow them to turn a love of cooking into a job that pays.

SDC's ChefStart culinary arts curriculum gives students technical knowledge and hands-on experience in a commercial kitchen. Experienced instructors teach food safety procedures, proper cutting techniques and more. It positions students for full-time employment. The small class size is a benefit that allows students to get individualized attention.

ChefStart also gives students an opportunity to network with acclaimed chefs and top-tier employers.

The ChefStart curriculum includes:

- Hands-on Culinary Workshops
- ServSafe Certification
- Career Exploration in Food Services
- Guest Speakers

In Wisconsin, the number of restaurant and food service jobs is expected to increase by 10.5% in the next decade. ChefStart equips students with skills to launch careers in this growing field.

Participants must be Milwaukee County residents, 18 years of age or older and have a high school diploma or equivalency.

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