

Workforce Snohomish and AJAC Offer Pre-Apprenticeship Manufacturing Training for Snohomish County

To support Snohomish County's manufacturing sector, which accounts for an estimated 27%* of all private sector jobs, AJAC and [Workforce Snohomish](#) have partnered to skill-up long-term unemployed individuals through AJAC's Manufacturing Academy (MA). Five cohorts will be offered starting this winter and will run through March 2016 at WorkSource Monroe in Monroe, WA. MA students will acquire the technical hands-on training, certifications and soft skills needed to pursue entry-level employment in apprenticeable occupations such as, industrial maintenance, machining or precision metal fabrication.



Students participating in this full-time program will:

- Earn 17 college credits and Manufacturing Basics Short-Term Certificate through a local community college
- Develop knowledge and experience with basic hand tools, precision measuring tools and major manufacturing equipment, blueprint reading, industrial safety, job planning, basic electrical, physics, sheet metal, applied manufacturing math, welding, metal forming, composites, etc.
- Cultivate effective communication, resume writing and interviewing skills
- Gain certifications in CPR/First Aid, OSHA, Flagging, Forklift and Lean principles
- Connect with local aerospace and manufacturing employers regarding potential career opportunities



“Since 2011, AJAC has partnered with workforce development organizations, employers and community and technical colleges in Pierce and King Counties to offer the Manufacturing Academy (MA) program which serves as an additional solution to workforce training and development. These partnerships have helped to prepare over 100 long-term unemployed and dislocated workers annually for careers in the aerospace and advanced manufacturing industries,” said [Demetria “Lynn” Strickland, AJAC Executive Director](#). “We’re excited about this partnership with Workforce Snohomish and the tremendous opportunity to serve the residents and employers of Washington State and Snohomish County. This training is aimed at providing entry-level skills to address the current skills gap and transition individuals into AJAC apprenticeship programs which provide educational and career pathways to long-term, high-demand livable wage jobs.”

“Workforce Snohomish is proud to be partnering with AJAC and WorkSource Monroe to bring AJAC’s successful Manufacturing Academy to Snohomish County,” said Erin Monroe, Workforce Snohomish CEO. “This partnership will not only bolster the manufacturing workforce in Snohomish County, but will provide opportunities for long-term unemployed individuals to receive proven, employer recognized credentials and training which will take them from long-term unemployed, to long-term EMPLOYEES.”

In 2011, the Manufacturing Academy was established to build an entry-level workforce that can readily respond to industry need and provide long-term employment and career ladders for graduates. The MA curriculum was developed in collaboration with aerospace and manufacturing employers to ensure the program meets industry needs.