

# Training Information for Job Seekers

The MassHire Lowell Career Center offers customers a variety of resources and information on possible training opportunities, training vendors and funding sources in order to assist the customer in determining the "next best step" in their career and job search planning.

## List of Training Resources and Information:

**Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) (2015) (Adult and Dislocated Worker Program)** If you live or worked within the Greater Lowell area (Billerica, Chelmsford, Dracut, Dunstable, Lowell, Tewksbury, Tyngsboro, Westford) there may be training opportunities for those customers that are not marketable based on their skills and experience. Certain eligibility criteria does apply. Please see Career Center of Lowell staff for further information.

**Trade Adjustment Assistance/Allowance (TAA)/(TRA)** If your job has been adversely affected by foreign competition, you may be eligible for benefits including:

- Financial Assistance for job training
- Extension of Unemployment Benefits

There are very strict deadlines for obtaining some of the benefits under the TAA programs. Please see a staff member at the Career Center for more information on the Trade program. Current trade companies are; ALLCare Pharmacy, Allegro Microsystems, LLC, AltioStar Networks, Inc. (Corporate Division), Amesbury Group, Inc. (dba Amesburytruth), APEM Components, Ardagh Glass Inc, Avid Technology, Inc., Beaver-Visitec International, Inc., Benu Networks, Inc., BNY Mellon Investment Servicing, US, Inc., Bose Corporation, Boston Scientific Corporation (United States Information Technology Group), Brayton Point Energy, LLC., Bruker Daltonics, Inc., Capgemini America, Inc., CDM Smith, Inc. (Information Technology Division, Citizens Bank (Financial Group Infrastructure Services Division - Norwood and Medford), Dionex Corporation (a subsidiary of Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc.), Duro Textiles, LLC, Ericsson, Inc., Flowserve, Gatehouse Media (Circulation Customer Service Department), Gildan Garments Inc. (an Indirect Subsidiary of Gildan Activewear, Inc.), Gloucester Seafood Processing, Inc., Guardian Life Insurance Company, Haemonetics, HCL America, Inc. (ERS Division), Hewlett Packard (Enterprise Global Support Delivery Supply Chain Division only), IBM Corporation – Cambridge, IBM Corporation – Littleton, Interplex Automation - Div. Interplex Holding Tooling Group, Laird Technologies, Loud Technologies, Madico, Inc., Marland Mold, Inc., Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company (Technology Team Applications and Infrastructure Division), Medtronic, NECCO, Pall Corporation, Pearson, Perceptive Informatics aka Parexel (Business Unit), Philips Lighting North America Corp (Business Professional Americas Division), Rodney Hunt-Fontaine Inc. fka Rodney Hunt Company, SimplexGrinnell LLP/Tyco (Credit Card Team), SimplexGrinnell LLP/Tyco (Order to Cash (OTC) Group), Smashfly Technologies, Inc., Stahl USA, Inc. - Polycarbonate Diol Resin Division, Staples, Inc. (Data Center Info Structure Ops), State Street Corporation -Labor Analytics Group (only), Stratus Technologies, Inc., TE Connectivity (Formerly Techdevice) (Medical Division), TE Connectivity - Data and

Devices Division, Teradyne, Inc., Thomson Reuters (Technology Development And Quality Assurance Groups), Trombetta Electronics Division a subsidiary Of Trumpet Holdings, Inc.

**Pell Grant** A Pell Grant is a federally funded program where eligibility is based on demonstrated financial need. A Pell Grant does not have to be repaid. Funds are awarded to students enrolled in undergraduate programs but who have not yet earned a bachelor's or professional degree (A professional degree would include a degree such as in the field of pharmacy or dentistry.)

How much you can get depends upon: the cost of attending the training; whether you attend full-time or on a part-time basis; whether you attend school for a full academic year or less; and a government formula known as the EFC or Expected Family Contribution.

If you're collecting UI benefits, you may be eligible for Pell grants and other financial aid to assist you in paying for education and/or job training. Certain schools and universities are the recipients of the Pell grant funds. More information may be found through the financial aid office at the school or at the U.S. Department of Education website, [www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov).

**Training Opportunity Program (TOP) Section 30** If you need new skills in order to become re-employed, you may be approved to attend training while you are collecting unemployment insurance benefits.

Section 30 of the Massachusetts Unemployment Insurance Law allows the Division of Unemployment Assistance to waive the "active work search" requirement for claimants who meet certain eligibility requirements. This means that claimants can continue to collect their UI benefits while in agency-approved training.

You must apply for TOP benefits prior to starting training. Timing is critical for Section 30 benefits. **Contact the DUA Training Opportunities Department.** For additional information on approved training or to begin the application process, call the TOP Department at (617) 626-5521.

While Section 30 Training Opportunities may provide additional weeks of unemployment benefits, ***this does not include payment of actual training costs.***

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