

Gateway, KYTC Create Program for Women, Minorities

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Gateway Community & Technical College's Workforce Solutions division has partnered with the University of Kentucky and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to create a new transportation construction certificate program.

The program focuses on providing opportunity to women, minorities, and historically disadvantaged populations at no cost to the individual.

"This partnership with Gateway and the University of Kentucky ensures that women and minorities interested in transportation work have every opportunity to receive the most up-to-date training," said Jamir Davis, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet executive director. "The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is committed to a diverse workforce, and we're confident that this collaboration will be a valuable tool on the road to progress."

The certificate is a 96-hour program to provide the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary for successful entry into the transportation construction field.

"We are delighted to make this new partnership with UK and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet," said Dr. Fernando Figueroa, Gateway president. "I'm proud of the work our team has done to create the new Transportation Construction certificate. It will help our students as well as our region create a better life."

Students in the program will take a wide variety of classes including first aid training, commercial driver license exposure, introduction to the disadvantaged business enterprise, and asphalt paving best practices, to name a few. Gateway faculty, UK faculty, and instructors from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet will teach classes. All classes will be held at Gateway's Transportation Technology Center located in Fort Wright.

"We are thrilled to offer in demand training in transportation construction with our partners," said Christi Godman, associate vice president, Gateway Workforce Solutions. "Students will learn from experts in the field and receive hands on training that will open doors to new job opportunities and a brighter future."

-Staff report