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## **Free Highway Construction Careers Training Program returns with outside instruction at SSC’s Oak Forest Center in September**

OAK FOREST, IL—South Suburban College is preparing for its next session of the popular free Highway Construction Careers Training Program (HCCTP) this fall. Orientation and Assessment Testing will be August 18-20, 2020, at the college’s Oak Forest Center, with the program set to begin on September 14<sup>th</sup> incorporating an outdoor classroom, social distancing and personal protective equipment.

SSC has offered HCCTP since 2014 with hundreds of students completing the 12-week specialized training program at a 70% completion rate. HCCTP was originally implemented to increase the number of minorities, women, and disadvantaged individuals working on IDOT highway construction projects.

The training consists of an intensive 12-week program to learn the skills necessary for acceptance into the highway construction trades and gives the opportunity for a career with high wage potential. Construction will always be needed for new buildings, roads, bridges, and other structures. Some of the more skilled construction careers such as engineer require higher education while others such as cement masonry can be learned as an on-the-job apprentice.

Career opportunities for program completers include: Cement Mason, Electrician, Pipefitter, Carpenter, Laborer and Equipment Operator, and more. Requirements are a valid driver’s license, 18 years or older, High School diploma/GED, and passing a drug test (including THC).

Orientation and assessment testing will be held outside at the OFC—located at 16333 South Kilbourn Avenue, Oak Forest, Illinois 60452. All candidates must have a valid driver’s license with them to attend orientation. For more information please visit [www.ssc.edu/hcctp](http://www.ssc.edu/hcctp), call (708) 596-2000, ext. 3219, or email [hcctp@ssc.edu](mailto:hcctp@ssc.edu). Para información en Español llame (708) 210-5740.

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