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## South Suburban College to Host Forklift Operator Training Courses at Oak Forest Center

SOUTH HOLLAND, IL– South Suburban College’s Business & Career Institute is offering Forklift Operator Training in October at the Oak Forest Center. This two-day certification course covers the basic forklift driving skills needed to obtain a Forklift Operator Certification.

The cost for each course is \$175.00 per person, or FREE for qualified applicants. The October sessions will be held as follows:

- Saturday, October 2 & Saturday October 16, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Thursday, October 7 & Friday October 8, 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, October 20 & Thursday 21, 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 26 & Wednesday October 27, 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

The Forklift Operator Certification from the National Safety Council is available through these sessions at SSC for individuals who are looking for new career skills or for employers who are ensuring a safe and compliant workplace. Illinois requires all forklift operators to obtain a license to avoid OSHA sanctions and possible penalties. Forklift driving is no simple matter; it causes more than 100 deaths each year. A Certification Card from the National Safety Council will be issued to the student upon successful completion of the program. The course will enforce social distancing and use of PPEs.

**WEI Sponsored Program:** The Workforce Equity Initiative (WEI) project is funded through ICCB to support qualified participants through the completion of short-term educational opportunities leading to employment. Benefits of the grant include FREE tuition and technology assistance, tutoring, academic and employment advising, and more. Email [workforceequity@ssc.edu](mailto:workforceequity@ssc.edu) or visit [ssc.edu/wei](http://ssc.edu/wei) for more information.

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