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Former South Suburban College students adjust an AC/DC electrical system.

## South Suburban College Partners to Offer Free Manufacturing Skills and Training Bootcamp

SOUTH HOLLAND, IL—The South Suburban College (SSC) Department of Continuing, Corporate, and Community (C3) Education and the Calumet Area Industrial Commission (CAIC) have partnered to offer a free Manufacturing Skills and Training Bootcamp. This 2-week accelerated boot camp program is especially helpful for those who have been in the workforce before, but are currently or were recently unemployed, and are looking to kickstart a career in the growing manufacturing sector.

Nancy Burrows, a CAIC program coordinator stated, "Many people who work in manufacturing are retiring. Companies are seeking people with a myriad of skills who are eager to advance. We are hopeful that this partnership between the CAIC and SSC will help address the needs of our communities."

Students who complete the Manufacturing Skills and Training Bootcamp earn the National Safety Council forklift certification. They will also receive safety training. Participants will go on

a plant tour, interview with potential employers and have the opportunity to connect with college representatives as well.

"The Chicago Southland is rich with manufacturing companies. It's a great boost for the economy of the area to have people who can live and work in the same vicinity," Burrows remarked.

The Manufacturing Skills and Training Bootcamp begins on Monday, September 12, 2022 and ends on Friday, September 23, 2022. It runs weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The program will take place at the South Suburban College Oak Forest Center, located at 16333 South Kilbourn Avenue, Oak Forest, Illinois 60452. Seating is limited and registration is required.

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