

Virtual Career Exploration Resources/

Remote Learning & Certification Opportunities

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Tech Check!

Many of these resources require a certain internet speed/specs. Anyone can test their internet speeds for free at www.speedtest.net (about 8mbs download and 4mbs upload speeds are needed for virtual meetings like Zoom, more for more complex programs or employment opportunities.)

Top Resources from Vermont Libraries:

- LearningExpress -- a free resource through EBSCO which is available for FREE from your local library website. Registration takes less than two minutes, and this resource is a deep and broad tool that has something for everyone, from elementary school homework help, prep for the Commercial Driver's License (CDL) exam, nursing and medical testing prep, job interview and resume writing, computer skills, SAT, LSAT, and GRE test prep, to interactive tools to help someone choose a career. It can help someone choose a pathway in life or provide the tools to get a better job. This is a gamechanger—we've never seen something so extensive, comprehensive, and free to use like this! To access, you visit your local library's website and find "LearningExpress" which should be right on the homepage.
- Vermont Online Library -- Vermont's robust statewide Interlibrary Loan program called Clover (Collaborative Libraries Of VERmont) allows every library in the state to borrow and lend within Vermont. VTLIB also facilitates borrowing from out-of-state libraries when in-state resources are unavailable. Interlibrary loan services work to make sure your library resources beyond its four walls.
- Universal Class -- More than 500 online classes ranging in topics from writing skills, software programs (including Adobe and Microsoft programs), to science, html, and graphic design. There's something for everyone!
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Virtual Career Exploration

Accounting/Bookkeeping

- Recording of a live hiring event and career exploration panel with TargettHRB (H&R Block Subsidiary) <https://youtu.be/-7PnKJD9s4c>

Banking

- Mascoma Bank--CWS Career Exploration Series Informational Interview with Sheryl McDevitt, AVP Talent Management Officer for Mascoma Bank--Learn more about careers in finance and banking, local opportunities, and how best to prepare for success in this career pathway: <https://youtu.be/zKZYiDHP5FM>

Childcare

- Recording of a live hiring event and career exploration panel with Fit Kids (River Valley Club): <https://youtu.be/VhbU3kNWKhk>

Culinary

- Recording of a live hiring event and career exploration panel with King Arthur Baking: <https://youtu.be/YV1XYIWtOj4>

Digital Marketing

- “A Day in the Life of Digital Marketing” Career Panel brought to you by Black River Innovation Campus and Vermont Department of Labor. Recording of this event is available at <https://bricvt.org/day-in-the-life-digital-marketing>

Healthcare

- Recorded Hiring Event/Career Exploration at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center: <https://youtu.be/GSNWI5NiAb8>
- Recorded Hiring Event/Career Exploration at Kendal at Hanover (Retirement Community & Assisted Living Facility): <https://youtu.be/JMwNIU8K1TU>
- LNA Careers at NVRH: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K-dhUY1XxC0y>
- Diagnostic Imaging - Learn about DI Careers at NVRH: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xcNdh76xqFA>
- Executive Assistant Careers at NVRH: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6UokYaIk63M>
- Dietician Careers at NVRH: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U4E-smt8eI8>

Health & Fitness

- Recorded virtual hiring event/career exploration with The River Valley Club:
<https://youtu.be/VhbU3kNWKhk>

Human Services

- Virtual Career Exploration informational interview with Stacy Garciadealba from Vermont 211 about her extensive career pathway in this field. This interview is geared toward high school students but would also be appropriate for adults looking for more information on human services including social work, childcare, early childhood development, children and family services, and so forth.
 - Here is the link to our interview, feel free to share with any clients or partners within our CWS network: <https://youtu.be/JrqKw7f4cd0>
- Recorded Hiring Event/Career Exploration at HCRS (Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont): <https://youtu.be/nfzOz1gLxn4>

Law Enforcement

- Crime Scene Investigation -- Tour of VSP CSI Truck and How to Process a Crime Scene:
<https://www.facebook.com/VermontStatePolice/videos/214735179609920/>

Manufacturing/Production/Engineering

- Hypertherm Career Exploration--Join CWS and Matt McKenny and Tim Renner of Hypertherm as they discuss career pathways and opportunities at Hypertherm in Lebanon, NH! <https://youtu.be/KIGQe-GBs2A>
- A virtual, self-guided tour of Hypertherm can be accessed here!
<https://www.hypertherm.com/en-US/our-company/corporate-social-responsibility/shape-for-stem/>
- Hypertherm Career Exploration Video Series:
 - Presentation from Light Industrial Lead Machine Operator Ben Rogers:
<https://youtu.be/xCOXZ0bM2Vg>
 - Presentation from Light Industrial Design Engineer Jeff Ortakales:
<https://youtu.be/UoPHVsEicOs>
 - Presentation from Heavy Industrial Systems Team Leader Beth Horstman:
<https://youtu.be/9r5FOCdawn0>
 - Presentation from Talent Recruiter (HR) Melody Johnson:
<https://youtu.be/DAhect6FuPo>
- Engineering “Chats with Changemakers” DiscoverE Series: Join DiscoverE each Friday for the Chats with Change Makers series, where you can meet engineers who are working

to make the world a better place. Your host is Tiffany, a Future City Competition alum and current ninth-grader from Texas.

- First episode: Watch Tiffany as she talks with Jonathan, an engineer at Shell: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0A5Nq7IzutQ&feature=youtu.be>
- Second episode: Watch Tiffany meet with Emily, an engineer at Collins Aerospace who designs space suits for astronauts on the International Space Station! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J5wufWPBPWI&feature=youtu.be>
- Get more content and At Home Engineering videos and activities at <http://discovere.org/>
- Vermont Packinghouse has a recruitment video out for meat cutters, which gives a brief look at what this career entails: <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=414350929415105>

Remote Opportunities

- Black River Innovation Campus now offers a newsletter with remote job postings, tips, etc. If you would like to receive it, or any of your clients/students would be interested in receiving it, they can subscribe with their email at <https://bricvt.org/bricworks-newsletter>

Sciences/Art/Religion

- KQED -- From the arts to science to religion, introduce students to a variety of careers with KQED, BAVC and Salesforce resources. Use these videos to inspire young people to discover careers and explore possible career paths. Sign up for a free account in PBS LearningMedia to find more career resources and to easily create interactive learning experiences for the classroom: <https://www.kqed.org/education/18675/50-videos-for-career-path-explorations>

State of Vermont

- Employer Panel Presentation with And Morse from VTrans and Shawn Nailor from the Agency of Digital Services. While much of the discussion was focused on employing youth and career exploration for youth within the two agencies, there was also some great content and discussion that would be applicable to adults as well. Thank you to Rocko for sharing! Link to presentation is here: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ICNwhP42rTwj_mjV6-q9QXjAEt8Hg1bK/view?usp=sharing

Welding & Fabrication

- Our Morrisville BAM, DJ Masi, recently hosted a virtual panel with guests Ian Portulapi from VTrans, Darlene Lumbrera from LWI Metal Works, Sculptor Judith Wrend, and Tom Owen from AWI (Advanced Welding Institute) about careers in welding and fabrication

as well as education opportunities in these industries. Here is the link to the recording of this event: <https://youtu.be/sLodKGFpmeI>

Online Learning/Certifications/Tutorials

- **CCV is offering lots of Free Trainings for Vermonters Impacted by COVID-19!**
 - The COVID-19 pandemic has affected us all; some more than others. For anyone who has had their job cut, hours reduced, or been laid off or furloughed, the State wants to help you upskill, reskill, and be skilled for the jobs that are here in Vermont.
 - CCV and the Vermont State Colleges System, in collaboration with the Vermont Department of Labor, are offering FREE classes and training for Vermont workers who have been impacted by COVID-19. This funding can also be used for support services to help you access your education, such as computers, internet, or child care. This opportunity is only available through December 31.
 - For a full list of available courses, or to register, please visit:
<https://ccv.edu/2020/10/12/training-for-vermonters-impacted-by-covid-19/>
- GFC Global -- Free YouTube Tutorials covering most subjects:
<https://edu.gcfglobal.org/en/subjects/tech/>
- Free Ivy-League College Courses to Audit (Certification/Credit may cost money)
<https://www.classcentral.com/collection/ivy-league-moocs>
- COVID-19 Related Free Online Learning Opportunities (updated weekly):
https://www.classcentral.com/report/free-online-learning-coronavirus/?utm_source=cc_newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=newsletter_may_2020
- Landscaping Design Course (cost is \$799) through New York Institute of Art & Design:
<https://www.nyiad.edu/catalog/nyiad-course-catalog-ql>
- Interior Design Course (Cost is \$799) through New York Institute of Art & Design:
<https://www.nyiad.edu/catalog/nyiad-course-catalog-di>
- Black River Innovation Campus--Master Remote Work Certificate Course
 - Rolling admissions. Cost is \$300.
 - This course combines online work with interactive workshops and is designed to equip participants with the basic tools and skills needed to work from home as a remote worker, freelancer, or entrepreneur. This certificate course consists of nine core modules delivered in a self-paced, online format and is integrated with interactive virtual workshops hosted via video conference.
 - Completion of this certificate program awards special access to jobs offered by BRIC affiliates and is a pre-requisite to applying for these jobs. While jobs cannot be guaranteed, successful participants will have a leg up on the competition and will be well-prepared to successfully enter a remote-work environment.

- Because this is an online course, applicants should have some online/technical experience, such as having taken online classes in the past, or the ability to have a coach or mentor assist them through it. There are scheduled videoconferences in addition to self-paced work, so availability should be reviewed as well.
- For more information, full course syllabus, and to apply, visit: <https://bricvt.org/remotework>
- The cost of this program is \$300, however, there are some scholarship funds available. Applicants need to fill out the online application and submit a resume. There's no financial commitment until applications are reviewed and students are accepted into the program, at which point they will be notified of any scholarships they've received or if they'd owe the \$300 course fee.
- Black River Innovation Campus--Flatiron Software Development/Data Science Course
 - The Black River Innovation Campus in Springfield, VT, in collaboration with Flatiron School and the Center on Rural Innovation, is offering our second round of a comprehensive software development or data science bootcamp to people in Vermont and New Hampshire.
 - The course, which takes 5 months full-time (at 40 hours/week) or 10 months part-time (20hrs/week), **is available fully online** and extra support/coaching will be available through BRIC staff in Springfield.
 - In addition to the education provided by the Flatiron School, CORI and BRIC will facilitate career support for program students, helping to identify and apply for local jobs or jobs that can be conducted remotely from BRIC.
 - The program offers a creative financing model to allow more people to take advantage of the opportunity. **Instead of paying tuition up front**, students can access Flatiron School Income Share Agreements (<https://flatironschool.com/income-share-agreement-isa-online>), and make payments only after they've left the program and are earning at least \$40,000/year.
 - **More details at www.bricvt.org/flatiron**
- Virtual Administration Work Readiness Training, Professional Skill Development, and Customer Service Training -- Offered remotely by ReSOURCE (This is usually in-person but currently being offered remotely.) **Please note this is not free, tuition is \$450** but can be covered by a VSAC non-degree grant.
 - For more information or to enroll: <https://resourcevt.org/training-programs/work-readiness/#1499963938751-c7aa906b-7df0>
- VSAC Resources:
 - **High school senior, junior and family newsletter content:** VSAC shared content with the VSAC Talent Search and GEAR UP students and families this week. **We welcome you to use it in any way helpful!**

- VSAC's [College and Career Pathways](#) and [Managing College Costs](#) workshops are recorded and now available for anyone to access. Plus, each presentation also includes resources to guide students and families.
- **Live Zoom Q&A opportunities available!** If you are interested in scheduling a session for students and parents to ask any follow up questions from the presentation videos, let us know! Please email Anna Telensky (telensky@vsac.org) to arrange a time.
- And, check out [VSAC's COVID page](#), which includes additional [resources](#) for students & families; updates on college admissions, applications, and testing; and remote learning links and resources.