

EPA Gateway Environmental Training (GET) Certified Program

Thank you for your inquiry about the EPA Gateway Environmental Training (GET) Certified Program at Iowa Western Community College. The application materials are enclosed for you to start the process for consideration to the program.

The program information sheet outlines the application and selection process for the program. We recommend applying for the program at least two weeks prior to the start of the course.

Please note:

- Application material for step one is valid for six months from the date of signature.
- Please **fully answer all questions** on the application materials. Incomplete materials will be returned and can delay the process.
- The program is 4 weeks long, and *your attendance is required every day* at all trainings.
- Sessions will be in Council Bluffs, IA. Students will need to arrange their own transportation to and from the sessions.

After reviewing all your application materials, we will contact you to discuss your eligibility to move forward in the selection process.

If you have any questions about the program or the application/interview process, please let us know. We look forward to receiving your application materials.

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EPA GATEWAY ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING (GET) CERTIFIED PROGRAM

OVERVIEW:

The overall goal of Iowa Western's Gateway Environmental Training (GET) Certified Program is to provide industry-relevant training that meets local and regional workforce needs. This program is designed to equip unemployed and underemployed individuals from at-risk bi-state communities with the necessary skills and certifications to secure stable, high-wage employment in industries requiring environmental and safety compliance expertise. The training will be a 4-week long program with the exception of employment upon completion the training will be available at no cost to the participants. Nationwide, 81% of participants in this program find employment. Iowa Western has 75% of participants finding and sustaining employment with another 5% continuing on to further their education. Participants must work with the job placement coordinator as well as any support services that are deemed necessary for employment. Training is based on OSHA, Department of Energy, Department of Labor, and EPA guidelines, resulting in certificates that will be recognized throughout Iowa and Nebraska, as well as in most other states.

ELIGIBILITY:

Applicants will receive full assistance with their direct training costs, including tuition, books, and certification fees.

LIKELY TO SUCCEED:

The Gateway Environmental Training (GET) Certified Program is limited, and eligibility for program services does not guarantee enrollment in the program.

Applicants must demonstrate the capacity to achieve the outcomes of the program:

- Ability to complete the certificate and earn the credential
- Enter Full-Time Employment
- Retain Full-Time employment over time
- Pass a drug test - Provide a valid government-issued photo I.D. (driver's license, state-issued I.D., etc.)
- Pass a basic physical
- Pass a CASAS test

A variety of factors are considered when determining the likelihood for success, including assessment of barriers that may prevent the applicant from completing training or pursuing employment.

SELECTION PROCESS:

Eligibility Determination: Potential candidates include unemployed and underemployed individuals, veterans, and those from adversely environmentally impacted communities. Enrollees must be resident of EPA's Region 7, priority enrollment will be directed to eligible applicants from the Omaha-Council Bluffs, NE-IA Metro Area. All approved participants must be eligible to work in the United States. Applicants are valid for six months from the date of signature.

Program Interview: Applicants will meet with program staff to discuss the selected industry, occupational research, and training choice. This will also include an evaluation of the applicant's capabilities, needs, family situation, work history, educational background, attitude and motivation, employment skills, vocational potential, and employment barriers. Potential start dates and support needs will be reviewed. Requirements for the certificates will be discussed.

Review: IWCC program staff will assess each applicant's situation and discuss selection for the program. Additional information may be requested from the applicant to make the final determination. Program staff will inform the applicant of the final decision regarding the funding request.

Assessment: Applicants could be asked to complete assessments before, during, and after training in a variety of topics, including reading, mathematics, and writing, to ensure success of job placement. If the applicant scores low, the Gateway Environmental Training (GET) Certified Program could require additional career readiness skills before graduation.

PARTICIPATION:

Each approved participant is expected to:

- Maintain regular contact with program staff to document progress toward goals.
- Discuss any issues that would impact the ability to complete training, obtain employment, and maintain employment.
- Attend class regularly.
- Provide a copy of the certificate of completion.
- Meet with program staff to develop a job search plan.
- Provide employment and job retention information as needed.

BENEFITS:

Each approved participant will be able to complete the 4-week training at no cost. This includes the cost of tuition, books, and certification fees. Program staff will work with each participant regularly to track progress toward completion of training and progress toward obtaining full-time employment. As additional needs are identified, the participant and program staff will work together to address these needs and seek additional support as necessary. Participants will develop a job search plan and receive job search assistance, including resume development and critiquing, interviewing skills, and job leads.

What are the Certificates?

Federal Certificates in:

- Asbestos Abatement Worker Training OSHA
- OSHA Lead Awareness
- HAZWOPER 40 OSHA
- OSHA 10 Card
- OSHA Hazard Communication

Additional training includes: Deconstruction and Construction Techniques, Technical Mathematics, Computer Training, and Resume Building.

What are the Benefits of the Certificates?

- Validates your skills to an employer
- Builds confidence that skills meet employer expectations
- Determines skill improvement and training needs
- Improves opportunities for career changes and advancement

EPA Gateway Environmental Training (GET) Certified Program APPLICATION

DIRECTIONS: Please answer all questions completely. Applications are valid for 6 months from the signature date.

A: BASIC INFORMATION (Please use blue or black ink)

First Name:	Middle Initial:	Last Name:
Residency Address:		
Mailing Address:	City:	State: Zip:
Home Phone:	Alt. Phone:	Email:
Date of Birth:	Gender:	Social Security #:
Eligible to work in the United States? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		

Which of the following do you identify? <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Hispanic/Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Latino	Which race do you identify? <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> American/Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Hawaiian/Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Pacific Islander </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> No Answer </div> </div>
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B: INCOME ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION

Do you have primary responsibility for supporting the individuals in your household?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Gross Family Income from the last 12 months: \$	
Number of individuals in your household	

Check all that apply:

<input type="checkbox"/> Food Stamps (SNAP) <input type="checkbox"/> Medicare/Medicaid <input type="checkbox"/> SSI/SSDI <input type="checkbox"/> DHS Childcare <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Government Assistance Please List: <input type="checkbox"/> FIP/Promise Jobs-Promise Jobs Advisor:
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C: HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION

Please list everyone that lives with you, or that you consider part of your family.

Name	Age	Relationship
		SELF (APPLICANT)

D: WORK HISTORY (include volunteer work, part-time, and self-employment)

Are you currently employed? Yes ☐ No

If no, have you worked with an employment center? ____ If yes, which one? ____

Did an organization refer you to this program, if so, which one? ____

Begin with your PRESENT or MOST RECENT Work History :

EMPLOYER NAME:

Address:

City:

State:

Last Wage Received:

Per:

Job Title Held:

Total Hours Per Week:

Date Began Work:

Last Day Worked:

Reason for Leaving:

Primary Job Duties:

EMPLOYER NAME:

Address:

City:

State:

Last Wage Received:

Per:

Job Title Held:

Total Hours Per Week:

Date Began Work:

Last Day Worked:

Reason for Leaving:

Primary Job Duties:

E: CHECK ALL STATEMENTS THAT APPLY TO YOU

<input type="checkbox"/> Single parent	<input type="checkbox"/> Housing issues or homeless
<input type="checkbox"/> Have not worked in the last six months.	<input type="checkbox"/> Limited English proficiency
<input type="checkbox"/> No employment history	<input type="checkbox"/> Displaced homemaker (<i>out of workforce for several years & have lost support</i>)
<input type="checkbox"/> Have not attended vocational training.	<input type="checkbox"/> Have not maintained employment for more than six months.
<input type="checkbox"/> Previous training did not lead to employment.	<input type="checkbox"/> Currently employed – <i>if yes, what days/hours are you working:</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Physical or mental disability	
<input type="checkbox"/> Veteran – <i>branch and date of separation</i>	

F: BARRIER & OTHER INFORMATION

Are you or have you been in any stage of the criminal justice process? If yes, describe the legal problem: (Include any PENDING legal actions and/or court orders.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Have you been convicted of a misdemeanor and/or felony ? If yes, provide details regarding arrests and convictions, including dates:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Do you have reliable transportation? What is your back-up plan for transportation?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Do you have steady housing?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Do you have a reliable source of communication (phone, cell phone, email, etc.)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If childcare is needed, do you have reliable childcare? What is your back-up plan for childcare?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Are you able to perform the essential functions of this program/career with or without reasonable accommodations?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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G: EDUCATION

High School Diploma/ Equivalency: Name of School:		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Date Received: City/State: Highest Grade Completed:	
College Degree:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> In Progress	Major:	Degree:
Institution Name & Location:				Date Received/Expected:	
CASAS:				Date Received:	
Other Training/Certificate: Institution Name & Location:				Date Received:	

H: SIGNATURE

I understand this program requires a Mon.-Fri. schedule of 8am – 4:30 pm commitment for 4 weeks to complete the program and be certified.



_____ **Applicants Initials**

I consent to allow my photograph to be taken and used for promotion of the EPA Gateway Environmental Training (GET) Certified Program/Iowa Western Community College.



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I certify that the information I have provided on this application is true to the best of my knowledge. I am aware that the information I have provided may be reviewed and verified and that I may have to provide documents to support this information. I allow the release of this information for documentation purposes. I agree to have my application and supporting documentation reviewed by partner organizations to identify other possible funding sources. Further, I understand that this information will be used to determine my eligibility for the IWCC EPA Gateway Environmental Training (GET) Certified Program. I am aware that I am subject to immediate termination from the program and that I may be prosecuted for fraud and/or perjury if I am found ineligible after enrollment. Also, I authorize the use of my Social Security Number as an identifier for administrative purposes.



_____ **Applicant Signature**

_____ **Date**