Frequently Asked Questions

Why invest in post-high school training and education?

- Workers with a college credential are 2 to 3 times less likely to be unemployed than those without one.
- 70% of new job openings in the D.C. Metro region require post-high school training or a degree, the highest in the nation.
- Workers with one year of college success or an associate degree earn an average of $989 more per month, and those with bachelor degrees earn $2,165 more each month.
  
  *(The Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce, June 2010)*

Who can benefit from the NOVA Adult Career Pathways Program?

- **Unemployed workers** who need new skills and a credential to transition into a new career field.
- **Low-wage or underemployed workers** who need new skills or a degree to advance into higher-level positions.
- **Young career starters** 18 or older with a high school degree or GED who are stuck in part-time or dead-end jobs and want to begin studying to launch their careers.
- **Work-eligible immigrants** with good English skills who want to advance into professional careers.
How does the NOVA Adult Career Pathways Program help?

- **Personalized college and career guidance** from a NOVA College & Career Counselor until participants achieve their college and career goals.
- **Convenient access** to college and career coaching services off-campus at Northern Virginia locations and times available to participants, by phone, email, or in-person.
- **Tuition assistance** guidance to help secure college and training tuition funding and special scholarships.
- **Opportunity to join a support community** of peers and successful program graduates who are committed to helping one another succeed.

How do you apply for the Adult Career Pathways Program?

- Reserve a spot at one of the College Access Workshops the ACP Program holds twice monthly.
- During the workshops attendees are given; an overview of the program, assistance registering for NOVA and filling out a financial aid application.
- At the end of the workshop, individuals are able to apply for the program if they wish to do so.

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