



## **Mat-Su & On-Line Reentry Training/Education Opportunities**

Below are four different areas reentrants can access regarding job training/educational opportunities in the Mat-Su:

### **1. Mat-Su Job Center: (907) 352-2500, 877 Commercial Dr., Wasilla, AK**

Have reentrant contact Mat-Su Job Center Career Support & Training Staff

- a. Job Center staff will help reentrants find a living wage career and the applicable Training/Employment plan to get there.
- b. The funding for this training could come from both DOL funding and Second Chance Grant funds.

### **2. Northern Industrial Training (NIT): (888) 367-6482, Palmer, AK**

There are a total of 747 online courses offered through NIT

- a. The NIT main website is here: [Website](#)
- b. The NIT Web Based Training is here - <https://www.ed2go.com/nit>
  - Cost runs from around \$50 to \$500
  - Categories of on-line courses: The numbers in the ( ) below shows how many courses they have in each of the categories
    - Arts & Design (57)
    - Business (158)
    - Computer Application (120)
    - Construction & Trades (2)
    - Health & Fitness (115)
    - Hospitality (5)
    - Information and technology (18)
    - Language (28)
    - Legal (16)
    - Math & Science (13)
    - Teacher Professional Development (69)
    - Test Prep (39)
    - Writing (48)

### 3. Mat-Su College Certificate Programs

Mat-Su Collage (UAA) offers two types of certificates at the undergraduate level:

- Occupational Endorsement Certificates (OECs) are certificates requiring 29 or fewer credits to complete. These certificates provide the specialized knowledge and skills needed in specific employment sectors.
- Undergraduate certificates of 30 credits or more offer focused instruction in a concentrated area. They include an equivalent of at least 6 credits of related instruction at the collegiate level in communications, computation and human relations. These certificates provide knowledge and skill development in broad enough areas to prepare students for entry into a variety of career fields. They are particularly appropriate in scientific or technical areas such as health care, computer systems, transportation or industrial technology.
- The types of Occupational Endorsement Certificates (OEC) and Undergraduate Certificates offered at the Mat-Su College are listed below:
  - a. [Cisco-Certified Network Associate](#) (OEC) - A total of 16 credits is required for the occupational endorsement certificate.
  - b. [Commercial Refrigeration Systems](#) (OEC) - A total of 17 credits is required for the certificate.
  - c. [Residential and Light Commercial Heating and Ventilation](#) (OEC) - A total of 16 credits is required for the certificate.
  - d. [Veterinary Assisting](#) (OEC) - A total of 21 credits is required for the certificate.
  - e. [Refrigeration and Heating Technology](#) (Undergraduate Certificate) - A total of 51 credits is required for the certificate.

#### 4. Union Apprenticeship Opportunities:

Below are the steps to finding out and applying to Union Apprenticeship Opportunities:

- a. Go to the following website <https://aatca.org/>
- b. Click on “training programs”: <https://aatca.org/training-programs/>
- c. Click on the specific apprenticeship program the reentrant is interested in:

[Insulators](#)

[Ironworkers](#)

[Plasters/Cement Masons](#)

[Boilermakers](#)

[Laborers](#)

[Plumbers/Fitters](#)

[Bricklayers](#)

[Millwright](#)

[Roofers](#)

[Carpenters](#)

[Painters](#)

[Sheetmetal Workers](#)

[Electrical Workers](#)

[Piledrivers/Divers](#)

[Teamster Apprenticeship Occupations](#) – Construction Driver, Surveyor Assistant, Freight Over-the-Road / Line Driver, & Logistic Technician

[Alaska Works Partnership](#) – Offers interdictory training in several trades skills including: carpentry, welding, plumbing, electrical, framing with metal studs, telecommunications, blueprint reading and construction math

[Helmets to Hardhats](#) – They connect quality men and women from the Armed Forces with promising building and construction careers

- d. Follow the steps on how to apply for the apprenticeship program the reentrant desires through the specific occupational website
- e. If the reentrant is approved for an apprenticeship program, they would be required to have the required tools/gear in order to start their apprenticeship