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NEW ORLEANS CAREER CENTER

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the New Orleans Career Center?

Founded in 2017, the New Orleans Career Center (NOCC) is **an independent nonprofit** focused on **career preparation and technical training**. NOCC partners with employers to design high school and adult courses aligned to high-demand employment. Each career training path points to entry-level roles that pay better than a living wage and offer clear paths for professional growth.

Where is NOCC located?

1331 Kerlerec Street, New Orleans, 70116 – a state-of-the-art, purpose-built facility specifically geared to high quality workforce training and career development.

What career training paths are offered at NOCC?

NOCC offers career prep and technical training in five industry sectors and includes professional-level credentials in each:

- Healthcare
- Building Trades
- Engineering/Manufacturing
- Culinary Arts/Hospitality Management
- Digital Production/IT

Who can attend the New Orleans Career Center and how much does it cost?

The New Orleans Career Center is open to all public high school students in Orleans Parish and to adults 18 or older with a high school diploma, GED, or equivalent. High school and adult trainees pay no fees to attend.

How do high school students train at the New Orleans Career Center?

First, they should talk to their high school guidance counselor or principal. Rising juniors and seniors apply via their home high schools; all applicants must be on track to graduate. NOCC does not require any additional screening for admission.

How do adults apply for the post-high school Rapid Reskill Training?

Adults [apply online](#) and/or are referred by local community partners, such as Clover, Goodwill, Total Community Action, Urban League of LA and others.

What does career prep and technical training actually mean?

NOCC trainees gain practical professional skills, earn professional-level industry credentials, experience workplace rotations, and develop relationships with area professionals.

High school trainees attend half-day, every day for one to three years and can earn college credits while at NOCC. Some training paths also offer apprenticeship opportunities.

For Adult Rapid Reskill trainees, it means 10-14 weeks of rigorous immersion in hands-on technical skills, experience in real clinical settings, direct interaction with working professionals, and guaranteed jobs offers from either Ochsner Health or LCMC Health upon passing the national Patient Care Technician certification exam.

Why should someone pursue career and technical education?

Today, nearly all jobs, regardless of the industry, require a level of technology-based knowledge, generally gained through some form of education or training beyond a standard high school diploma. At NOCC, trainees get that additional knowledge *while* they're in high school, by earning professional-level credentials or certifications and transferable college credit. For adults, Rapid Reskill provides technical skills, professional credentials, and guaranteed job offers to those who pass the certification exam. All NOCC trainees are ready to compete in the workforce and college immediately on graduation.

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