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## Worker Retraining Program Provides Tuition and Books



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For a limited time, the Worker Retraining program at Lake Washington Technical College can now pay for tuition and books for anyone who needs training to avoid a layoff situation and for certain workers impacted by the December 2007 storm and floods.

The Washington State Board of Community and Technical Colleges (SBCTC) recently added the storm and flood educational funding through its Worker Retraining program. Individuals are now eligible for this free educational funding if they resided in a Washington state area declared a disaster area stemming from the December 2007 storm and floods.

The SBCTC also recently re-authorized funding for working individuals who may be vulnerable to a layoff. The criteria for working individuals to receive this free educational funding are that they meet two of the following three requirements:

- » Working, but the job description has changed so new skills are needed to avoid a layoff situation
- » Have not achieved a degree with more than 45 college-level credits
- » Working, but the job title is considered to be "not in demand"

"The Worker Retraining program is a great way for individual workers to jump start their current career or potentially start a new career," said Brian Bashinski, LWTC worker retraining coordinator. "We've provided thousands of students at LWTC with free tuition and books and now we can help even more people, thanks to these new measures by the SBCTC."

LWTC's Worker Retraining program will also continue to offer free tuition and books for individuals who are:

- » Collecting Unemployment Insurance benefits (or have exhausted their Unemployment Insurance benefits in the last

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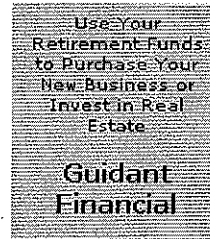
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- two years)
- » Caring for someone else and relying on their income, but that income is no longer available (for example, due to a death or divorce)
- » Previously self-employed with a business license but are now unemployed

The Worker Retraining program was started in 1993 by the Washington State Legislature and since then has helped more than 60,000 adults begin researching and training for new careers. For more information about the LWTC Worker Retraining program, visit [www.lwtc.edu/workerretraining](http://www.lwtc.edu/workerretraining).



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