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SD UpSkill Offering Certificate Programs to Dislocated Workers

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation (DLR) is accepting applications from dislocated workers to enroll in occupational skills training available through the UpSkill program at little to no cost.

Certificate programs are being offered in the spring 2021 semester from Lake Area Technical College and Western Dakota Technical College. The 18-credit, online programs include marketing, human resources, programming, medical coding, community healthcare worker, phlebotomy and EMT/pre-paramedic.

“Participants will earn credentials in a high-demand field at little to no cost,” said state Labor and Regulation Secretary Marcia Hultman. “To be eligible, the worker must have lost their job due to a COVID-19 reason and be eligible for reemployment assistance, otherwise known as unemployment insurance.”

DLR is partnering with the Board of Technical Education to provide support services to help participants successfully meet their education and career goals.

“After completing an UpSkill program, the participant can enter a new career field, advance in their current field or continue their education,” said Secretary Hultman. “Credits from these 100% online certificates can even integrate with associate and bachelor’s degree programs at public institutions across the state.”

To apply, visit SDUpSkill.com. The application deadline is Dec. 11, 2020.

UpSkill is funded through the Governor’s Emergency Education Relief fund as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act funding.