

# JOB TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

## FOR NEIGHBORS OF BELKNAP LOOKOUT

### LEAD ABATEMENT WORKER

Lead abatement involves removing lead hazards in and outside of the home, and is an in high demand job in the Grand Rapids area. Here's how to get certified:

1. Pass a three day lead abatement worker training course
2. Apply for the state certification
3. Pass the state exam

Visit [www.michigan.gov/mileadsafe/professionals/workforce](http://www.michigan.gov/mileadsafe/professionals/workforce) for more information on certification courses, exams, training providers, and scholarships.

### GRCC JOB TRAINING PROGRAM

GRCC's job training courses offers training in multiple different skilled trade programs to pursue state and national certifications. Programs include training for automotive technician, computer support technician, construction electrician, machinist/CNC technician, medical assistant, residential construction, and welding/fabrication construction. These programs are provided with a tuition cost, but multiple different scholarships and grants are provided to help cover costs.

One Workforce Grant provides funding for students under manufacturing. ([grcc.edu/OneWorkforce](http://grcc.edu/OneWorkforce))

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Grand Rapids Promise Zone Scholarship: Covers tuition and fees for GRPS graduating high schoolers. ([grcc.edu/grcc-promise-zone-scholarship](http://grcc.edu/grcc-promise-zone-scholarship))

Visit [grcc.edu/JobTraining](http://grcc.edu/JobTraining) or call (616) 234-3800 for more information on programs, admission, and financial aid.

### GRCC PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAM

The Public Works Academy prepares people for careers and opportunities in public works. Successful graduates will receive interviews with community partners for possible employment opportunities at public works facilities in West Michigan. For residents of Grand Rapids, the program cost is only \$25, and GRCC offers multiple different scholarships and grants to assist in tuition costs.

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### WMCAT ADULT CAREER TRAINING PROGRAM

WMCAT offers tuition free career-training for adults experiencing under/unemployment to prepare them for state and national certification exams and enter the field through professionally led instruction, leadership and professional development curriculum, externships with employers and on-site supports. Programs offered include:

- Health information
- Pharmacy technician
- Cybersecurity + GRC (Governance, Risk, and Compliance).

Visit <https://work.wmcat.org/adult-programs> or call (616) 454-7004 for more information on enrollment

## **WEST MI WORKS!**

West MI Works! offers both online and in-person one-on-one career coaching for unemployed and eligible underemployed individuals. They offer free workshops, also online and in-person, that cover topics such as soft skills, basic job searching techniques, resumes, cover letters, interviewing, job searching for older workers, personal finances, job searching with a criminal background, and career exploration.

There are 2 locations that can be visited for more information, or their website at [jobs.westmiworks.org](http://jobs.westmiworks.org)

- 215 Straight Ave NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504 or call (616) 336-4460
- 121 Franklin SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49507 or call (616) 336-4040

There is an event calendar that can be found at [jobs.westmiworks.org/kent-county-events](http://jobs.westmiworks.org/kent-county-events)

A job trainings search database at [jobs.mitalent.org/mitc/Search/Training](http://jobs.mitalent.org/mitc/Search/Training)

## **GOODWILL INDUSTRIES OF GREATER GRAND RAPIDS**

Goodwill Industries provides a range of services including skills assessments, training, interview preparation, job search and placement assistance, employer and community resource connections, and job retention support. These services and programs come at little to no cost.

Information sessions are held on Wednesdays at 11a.m at their employment center:

Goodwill Employment Center, 3777 Sparks Drive SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546

You can also visit their website at [goodwillgr.org/training-and-career-services](http://goodwillgr.org/training-and-career-services) or call (616) 532-4200 for more information on services, programs, information sessions, and more.

## **KENT COUNTY VETERANS SERVICES**

Kent County Veterans Services offers multiple different resources to connect veterans seeking employment and employment and job training services with. Each resources offers employment assistance opportunities, job training programs, and more to help assist veterans in gaining further employment.

For more information on available services for veterans visit their website at

[accesskent.com/Departments/VeteransServices/employment.htm](http://accesskent.com/Departments/VeteransServices/employment.htm), their location at 836 Fuller Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503, or call (616) 632-5722

## **GRAND RAPIDS FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The application for the Grand Rapids Fire Department is set to open in fall of 2022. Requirements for eligibility include being at least 18 years of age, having a high school diploma or GED, a valid drivers license, at least 20/30 corrected vision or 20/100 uncorrected, and no felony convictions.

New recruits go through a three month training process which grants them the certifications of:

- Michigan Firefighter Training Council Firefighter I & II
- Hazardous Material Awareness and Operations
- Licensed as a State of Michigan Basic Emergency Medical Technician

For more information visit [joingrfire.com](http://joingrfire.com), email [GRFDRecruiter@grcity.us](mailto:GRFDRecruiter@grcity.us), or call (616) 456-3900