

Construction Trades



To gain skills for the construction or public works industry, consider South Florida State College. For more information about the courses, call 863-201-7195 or visit www.southflorida.edu/construction for the most current schedule. Like us on facebook at SouthfloridaCCE.



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Basic Construction Electrical - \$3,915.00

Location	Room	CRN	Dates	Days	Time
Crews Center, 200 US Hwy 27 S., Avon Park	0105	32922	June 5—July 28, 2023	M-F	8 a.m.—5 p.m.
Crews Center, 200 US Hwy 27 S., Avon Park	0105	12320	Aug. 14—Oct. 6, 2023	M-F	8 a.m.—5 p.m.
Crews Center, 200 US Hwy 27 S., Avon Park	0105	12323	Oct. 16—Dec. 13, 2023	M-F	8 a.m.—5 p.m.

This 8-week certificate based course combines classroom instruction with hands-on training experience to teach the student the basic fundamentals of electric work, while learning employability skills. Students will receive instruction on how to write resumes, cover letters, and how to handle job interviews. The classroom instruction provides the students with the knowledge needed to calculate materials, do basic electrical repairs, install electric outlets and switches, wire series, parallel, and parallel series circuits. Students will also gain the knowledge of the vocabulary used in the electrical trade. Students will receive hands-on instruction in the use of hand and power tools, construction methods, and basic electrical techniques. The OSHA 10-hour construction industry safety course is included in cost of course. Students will receive a tool belt with basic hand tools as part of their tuition. Students will be responsible for purchasing safety toed boots (ANSI approved) and must wear during training. Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to use a multi-meter, replace switches, and outlets, run basic circuits, change circuit breakers. To register, call **863-784-7405**.

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Basic Construction Carpentry and Roofing - \$4,240.00 *NIGHTS AND WEEKEND COURSE AVAILABLE*

Location	Room	CRN	Dates	Days	Time
Crews Center, 200 US Hwy 27 S., Avon Park	0106	12362	Aug. 7—Sept. 29, 2023	M-F	8 a.m.—5 p.m.
Crews Center, 200 US Hwy 27 S., Avon Park	0106	12319	Oct. 16—Dec. 13, 2023	M-F	8 a.m.—5 p.m.

This 8-week certificate based course combines classroom instruction with hands-on training experience to teach the student the basic fundamentals of carpentry and roofing while learning employability skills. Students will receive instruction on how to write resumes, cover letters, and how to handle job interviews. The classroom instruction provides the students with the knowledge needed to calculate materials, transfer measurements from paper to project, and recognize different various materials used in carpentry and roofing. Students will receive hands-on instruction in the use of hand and power tools, construction methods, and basic roofing techniques. The OSHA 10-hour construction industry safety course is included in cost of course. Students will receive a tool belt with basic hand tools as part of their tuition. Students will be responsible for purchasing safety toed boots (ANSI approved) and must wear during training. Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to install roof shingles, frame walls, repair, and install drywall. For information, call Fred Hayes at 863-201-7195. To register, call **863-784-7405**.

Intermediate Construction Carpentry and Roofing - \$4,240.00

The pre-requisite for this course is Basic Carpentry/Roofing. This 8-week certificate-based course combines classroom instruction with hands-on training experience to teach the student the next level of fundamentals of carpentry and roofing while learning employability skills. The classroom instruction also provides the students with the knowledge needed to do material take-offs, read and interpret blue prints, and recognize different various materials used in carpentry and roofing, drywall installation and finishing, window and door installation, interior and exterior trim, and much more. Students will gain added instruction on how construction crews work as a team and the responsibilities of each member. Upon successful completion of the course, students will receive a certificate of completion from SFSC and NCCER. For dates, times, and other information, call Fred Hayes at **863-201-7195**.

Basic Construction Plumbing - \$4,018.00

This 8-week certificate based course combines classroom instruction with hands-on training experience to teach the student the basic fundamentals of plumbing, while learning employability skills. Students will receive instruction on how to write resumes, cover letters, and how to handle job interviews. The classroom instruction provides the students with the knowledge needed to calculate materials, do basic plumbing repairs, install plumbing fixtures, and recognize different various materials used in plumbing. Students will receive hands-on instruction in the use of hand and power tools, construction methods, and basic plumbing techniques. The OSHA 10-hour construction industry safety course is included in cost of course. Students will receive a tool belt with basic hand tools as part of their tuition. Students will be responsible for purchasing safety toed boots (ANSI approved) and must wear during training. Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to join PVC pipe, install plumbing fixtures, and perform basic plumbing repairs. For dates, times, and other information, call Fred Hayes at **863-201-7195**.

Basic Construction Masonry - \$3638.00

This 8-week certificate based course combines classroom instruction with hands-on training experience to teach the student the basic fundamentals of masonry, while learning employability skills. Students will receive instruction on how to write resumes, cover letters, and how to handle job interviews. The classroom instruction provides the students with the knowledge needed to calculate materials, understand the different types of blocks and their uses, vocabulary used in the trade, and recognize different various methods of brick laying and concrete installation. Students will receive hands-on instruction in the use of hand and power tools, construction methods, and basic masonry techniques. The OSHA 10-hour construction industry safety course is included in cost of course. Students will receive a tool belt with basic hand tools as part of their tuition. Students will be responsible for purchasing safety toed boots (ANSI approved) and must wear during training. Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to set concrete forms, mix the proper mortar to be used, and basic block laying and concrete work. For dates, times, and other information, call Fred Hayes at **863-201-7195**.

Forklift Operator

Certified Forklift Driver Training - \$199*

Campus	Building	Room	CRN	Dates	Time
Crews Center	Crews	105	33143	July 15, 2023	8 a.m.—4 p.m.
Crews Center	Crews	105	33144	July 22, 2023	8 a.m.—4 p.m.
Crews Center	Crews	105	12186	August 5, 2023	8 a.m.—4 p.m.
Crews Center	Crews	105	12308	Sept. 23, 2023	8 a.m.—4 p.m.
Crews Center	Crews	105	12311	Nov. 11, 2023	8 a.m.—4 p.m.

To operate a forklift, drivers need to learn the skill and gain experience to operate heavy machinery safely. South Florida State College offers forklift driver training that meets OSHA Standard 1910.178. Session one is forklift safety training and is conducted in the morning. Session two is the driver training and will be conducted in the afternoon. Certified forklift driver students must be age 18 or older and have a valid driver's license. To register, call **863-784-7405**. We can offer this course at your business, call **863-201-7195** for more details.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Handyperson Academy for Home Repairs - \$875

Location	Room	CRN	Dates	Days	Time
Crews Center, 200 US Hwy 27 S., Avon Park	0107	12321	Aug. 8—Sept. 26, 2023	T	5:30—8:30 p.m.
Crews Center, 200 US Hwy 27 S., Avon Park	0107	12322	Oct. 9—Nov. 27, 2023	M	5:30—8:30 p.m.

Check out SFSC's Handyperson Academy for home repairs! You will learn how to lay out a stud wall; drywall installation, finishing, and repair; how to install a door and window. Electrical: how to run a branch circuit, how to change an electrical outlet and switch, how to change a circuit breaker in a residential service panel. Plumbing: Measure, cut, and join PVC pipe for plumbing jobs, how to replace faucets, how to replace toilet filler mechanisms. Masonry: learn how to mix, pour, and finish concrete. You will learn how to install roof shingles and do minor roof repairs. You will learn safety tips, power and hand tool operations. To register, call **863-784-7405**.

Introduction to Construction Trades - \$25

Location	Room	CRN	Dates	Days	Time
Crews Center, 200 US Hwy 27 S., Avon Park	0106	24296	Jan. 26, 2023	R	5:30—8:30 p.m.
Crews Center, 200 US Hwy 27 S., Avon Park	0106	24297	Feb. 23, 2023	R	5:30—8:30 p.m.
Crews Center, 200 US Hwy 27 S., Avon Park	0106	24508	March 30, 2023	R	5:30—8:30 p.m.
Crews Center, 200 US Hwy 27 S., Avon Park	0106	24510	April 27, 2023	R	5:30—8:30 p.m.
Crews Center, 200 US Hwy 27 S., Avon Park	0106	32973	May 25, 2023	R	5:30—8:30 p.m.
Crews Center, 200 US Hwy 27 S., Avon Park	0106	32971	June 22, 2023	R	5:30—8:30 p.m.
Crews Center, 200 US Hwy 27 S., Avon Park	0106	32972	July 27, 2023	R	5:30—8:30 p.m.

Need to enhance your skills to complete that Honey-do List? These 3-hour classes are custom designed to provide you with the basic knowledge and skills you need for your Honey-do project. Some topics that will be covered will be drywall repair, how to fix a leaky bathroom faucet, and how to safely operate power tools. To register, call **863-784-7405**.

HVAC

EPA 608 Refrigerant Exam - \$53

EPA regulations (40 CFR Part 82, Subpart F), under Section 608 of the Clean Air Act, require that technicians who maintain, service, repair, or dispose of equipment that could release ozone depleting refrigerants into the atmosphere must be certified. Starting on January 1, 2018, this requirement also applies to appliances containing most substitute refrigerants, including HFCs.

Technicians are required to pass an EPA-approved test to earn Section 608 Technician Certification. The tests are specific to the type of equipment the technician seeks to work on. Tests must be administered by an EPA-approved certifying organization. Section 608 Technician Certification credentials do not expire. This exam is offered every semester and times vary.

To schedule, call **863-784-7117**.

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 10-Hr General Industry - \$159

The OSHA outreach training program for general industry provides instruction for workers and employers on the recognition, avoidance, abatement, and prevention of safety and health hazards in the workplaces in general industry. Through this training, OSHA helps to ensure that workers are more knowledgeable about workplace hazards and their rights. For dates, times, and other information, call Fred Hayes at **863-201-7195**.

NOTE: This is a voluntary program and does not meet training requirements for any OSHA standards.

Customize Training for Workforce

Need customized training for your business or organization? Please contact us and let us know how we can help. SFSC's staff and faculty will collaborate to offer solutions to meet your needs. We can offer training at your business or at any of our campuses located in Highlands, Hardee and DeSoto counties. Call **863-784-7034** for more information.

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Funding Opportunities for Workforce Programs

CareerSource Heartland

Scholarships for job training are provided through funds made available through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA).

To learn more about scholarships for job training, please attend a “WIOA” Orientation at one of the following CareerSource Heartland locations:

- DeSoto County • 2160 NE Roan Ave., Arcadia • Orientation every Monday • 10 a.m.
- Highlands County • 5901 US Hwy 27 S, Suite 1, Sebring • Orientation every Wednesday • 10 a.m.
- Okeechobee County • 207 SW Park St., Okeechobee • Orientation every Tuesday • 10 a.m.
- Hardee County • 324 6th Ave. North, Wauchula • Orientation every Tuesday • 11 a.m.



The following general requirements apply for scholarships for training services:

Must be a resident of DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands, or Okeechobee County.
Must be 18 years of age or older.
Meet U.S. Citizenship requirements or hold current Permanent Resident Alien Card.
All males born after December 31, 1959 must meet Selective Service registration requirements.
Household income falls within specific program guidelines.

You may also qualify if one of the following applies:

You are about to be or have been laid off from your job and are unlikely to return to the same or similar position; and you are eligible for, receiving, or have exhausted your reemployment compensation benefits.

You are a displaced homemaker no longer supported by the income of another family member and are unemployed or underemployed.

You are a former contract worker or self-employed individual who is unemployed due to current economic conditions.

CareerSource Heartland is an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services available upon request to individuals with disabilities.
All voice telephone numbers on this website may be reached by persons using TTY/TDD equipment via the Florida Relay Service at “711.”

SFSC Funding Opportunities

Opportunities to explore at SFSC:

- Some non-credit workforce programs are approved by Department of Veterans’ Affairs for those Veterans and/or Dependents who qualify for VA Educational and Training benefits such as: Post-9/11 GI Bill (Ch. 33), Montgomery GI Bill (Ch. 30), Survivors and Dependent Assistance (Ch. 35), and Montgomery GI Bill Selected Reserve (Ch. 1606). To use your Veterans Affairs (VA) education benefits call **863-784-7128**.
- Unemployed or underemployed AND under the age of 24? Contact SFSC’s Panther Youth program for possible scholarship opportunities. Highlands County: **863-784-7155**; Hardee/DeSoto: **863-784-7065**; **863-784-7365** Okeechobee: **863-824-6032**
- Have you or someone in your household worked in agriculture during the past two years? Agricultural workers and their families who qualify may receive assistance with: tuition, textbooks, transportation, supplies, career research and preparation, bi-weekly stipend for attending training, and much more! To find out more, contact: Highlands County, **863-784-7386 or 863-784-7166**; Desoto County, **863-784-7043**; Hardee County, **863-784-7155**.

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Highlands Campus

600 West College Drive
Avon Park, FL 33825
863-453-6661

Hardee Campus

2968 U.S. 17 North
Bowling Green, FL 33834
863-773-3081

DeSoto Campus

2251 N.E. Turner Avenue
Arcadia, FL 34266
863-993-1757

Lake Placid Center

500 East Interlake Boulevard
Lake Placid, FL 33852
863-465-3003

The Crews Center is located at 200 U.S. Highway 27 South, Avon Park, FL 33825

Talk to your program specialist about hotel accommodations at the historic Hotel Jacaranda, a mile from the Crews Center training facility for \$49.95 per night.

South Florida State College is an equal access/equal opportunity institution.

South Florida State College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award the associate and baccalaureate degree. Contact SACSCOC at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of South Florida State College.