

# NEW WORKFORCE PROGRAM:

## LABORATORY, CHEMICAL, AND FOOD SCIENCE TECHNICIAN CANDIDATES SOUGHT FOR IN-DEMAND JOBS IN FAST GROWING INDUSTRIES



Madison County Employment and Training Department, in partnership with St. Clair County Intergovernmental Grants Department and Southern Illinois University Edwardsville are seeking motivated dislocated workers interested in pursuing a career in the fields of Laboratory Technician, Food Science Technician, and Chemical Technician.

These fast-growing careers involve utilizing general laboratory practices and techniques, operating analytical instruments and equipment to support laboratory or production operations. Laboratory, Food Science and Chemical Technicians commonly work in industries such as petrochemical refining, pet foods, food and beverage, biofuels, and more. Starting wages begin at \$15/hour or more, with opportunities for advancement both within individual companies and across industries. Many positions carry full-time benefits, including health insurance and retirement.

### Minimum Qualifications:

The ideal candidate will meet the following criteria:

- Dislocated worker (receiving unemployment benefits, long-term unemployed, or candidates who are eligible for but not receiving unemployment benefits, transitioning military and spouses, or displaced homemakers).
- Resident of Madison, St. Clair, Bond, Jersey, Calhoun, Clinton, Washington, Monroe or Randolph Counties
- High school diploma or equivalent
- Authorization to work in the United States
- Ability to lift 25 pounds and stand for long periods of time

### Common Job Responsibilities:

- Reads and follows production sheets and/or recipes to ensure proper recipe adherence.
- Retrieves samples for analysis.
- Performs sample preparation.
- Ensures samples are properly labelled.
- Prepares general laboratory paperwork such as recording results, tracking samples, bench sheets, and laboratory logbooks.
- Performs a range of material handling skills maintaining a clean, sanitary and organized work area following guidelines.
- Stocks laboratory supplies and washes laboratory glassware.
- Cleans work area(s) to maintain a safe working environment.

### Training Requirements and Support:

Tuition and Fees and Other Training Costs Through the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) and Employment Recovery grant funds issued through the US Dept. of Labor and Illinois Dept. of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Act, eligible dislocated workers will receive tuition and fee support, as well as financial assistance for supportive services including required uniforms or equipment, transportation costs, and other direct assistance as determined in conjunction with a dedicated case manager. Eligible candidates will complete the training at no out-of-pocket cost.

### Employment Placement:

Throughout the training program, education and workforce partners will work with local employers to establish on-the-job training agreements for program graduates to enter full-time positions within the target occupation. All participants will receive career counseling services and employment placement support.

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