

# Seek a New Path



**No question: Finding a job is difficult. Competition is high and even entry-level positions demand increased skill levels and technical knowledge. Participating in the Environmental Workforce Training (EWT) Program may give you the edge you need to succeed.**

Developed by Earth Conservancy as part of its mission of environmental and economic revitalization in northeastern Pennsylvania, the EWT Program offers a sequence of courses designed for individuals looking to enter careers in the environmental, surveying, or construction fields.

The 2½-month curriculum, taught by faculty at Penn State Wilkes-Barre, provides you with new skills and resources to help you build a successful future in the workplace and in life.

The EWT Program is made possible through grants from the US Environmental Protection Agency, the PPL Foundation, & the Robert H. Spitz Foundation.

## Ready to Apply? Get an Application!

**ONLINE:** Visit [www.earthconservancy.org](http://www.earthconservancy.org) and click on "Our Services > EWT Program."

**PHONE:** Call EC at 570.823.3445 to request an application form by mail.

# Contact Us

The EWT Program involves many community partners, all committed to helping you achieve. Call any of the contacts below for additional details about the program, information sessions, and how to apply.

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# Environmental Workforce Training Program

A **FREE** training program for unemployed, underemployed, and dislocated workers in northeastern Pennsylvania with a focus on surveying, construction safety, and hazardous materials cleanup skills and technologies.

**Courses begin in February 2022**  
**Preferred entry for veterans**

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**Step 1 | Eligibility:** In order to apply to the EWT Program, you'll need to meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Resident of northeastern Pennsylvania
- High school graduate or GED-holder
- Aged 18 or older
- US citizen or authorized worker
- Classify as an unemployed, underemployed, or dislocated worker
- Hold a valid driver's license
- Have reliable transportation
- Have email access
- Consent to background check and drug test
- Like to work outdoors in all conditions
- Possess strong math skills
- Able to perform tasks involving physical labor
- Able to commit to full 2½-month program
- Agree to one year of follow-up interviews
- **Preferred entry for veterans**



**Step 2 | Apply:** If you're eligible, download, complete, and send in an application (available at [www.earthconservancy.org](http://www.earthconservancy.org)). We'll then conduct an interview with you, after which you'll need to complete several assessments at PA CareerLink Wilkes-Barre. Enrollment decisions will be made in mid-January 2022.

**Step 3 | Coursework:** Through the EWT Program, you'll acquire a range of skills, building your confidence and improving your opportunities for employment. Courses are taught by faculty from Penn State Wilkes-Barre and will include:



- Introduction to Brownfields
- GIS for Resource Conservation
- HAZWOPER 40
- Technical Writing
- Surveying Field Assistant
- AutoCAD, Level I
- OSHA 10
- Basic Surveying Techniques
- Environmental Sampling
- First Aid/CPR

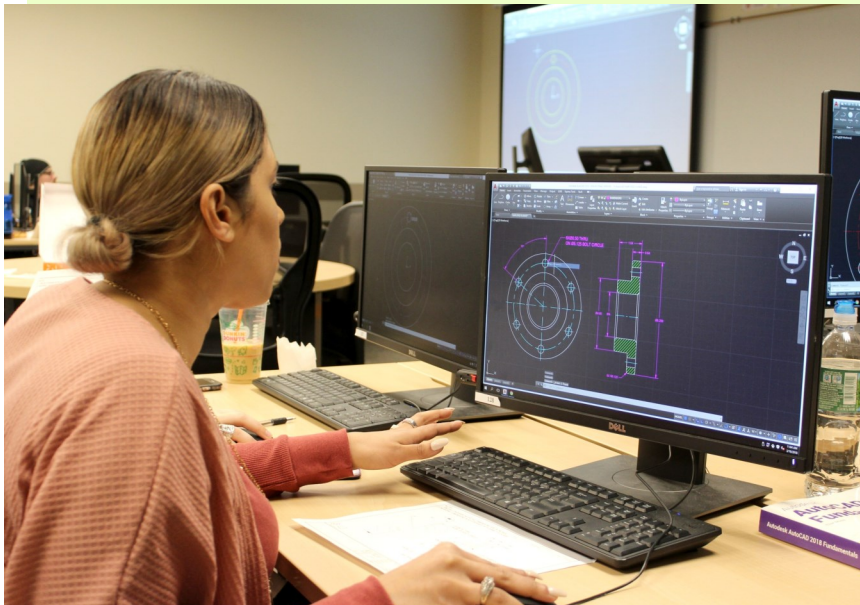
The EWT Program – a \$6,046 value – is **FREE** for those accepted, made possible by support from our many partners. The majority of classes will be held at the Penn State Wilkes-Barre campus in Lehman, PA. COVID-19 protocols will be followed at all times.

**Step 4 | Job Search:** The EWT program may lead to a variety of entry-level positions in engineering, construction, remediation, environmental cleanup, and more, with starting salaries averaging **\$15/hour**. Job opportunities may include:

- Environmental Field Technician
- Survey Technician
- Materials Technician
- HAZWOPER Technician
- CAD Technician
- Utility Field Technician

With our partners, we'll work with you to help find you employment after the program ends. You'll leave the EWT Program with

- **23.3** hours of continuing education credits from the Pennsylvania State University
- **3** federally-recognized certifications
- A professional résumé and cover letter
- References and/or a letter of recommendation



**Successful completion of EWT Program requires participants to attend all days of the training cycle.**