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Power Up Your Energy Career

Webinar series designed for energy industry professionals who want to explore online education options that fit their schedules.

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While we wait to begin - please share in the chat what you are hoping to learn/get out of today's webinar and/or specific programs you are interested in learning more about.

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Special Guests



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Agenda



1. EPCE Overview



2. EPCE Programs



3. Tips for Adult Learners



4. Excelsior University



5. Q & A

What is EPCE?

EPCE is a partnership of energy industry employers, unions and associations created to address critical employment needs in the energy industry through online education, founded in 2000.



EPCE Members represent over two-thirds of the energy industry across all 50 states!





Why EPCE Matters to You



Discounted tuition (up to 20%)



Programs built for utility professionals



Flexible online format



Industry-aligned curriculum








Designed for full-time workers

**This is not random education.
It's **relevant** education.**



Designed for Working Adults





-  100% online
-  Asynchronous options
-  Transferable credit
-  Accredited institutions
-  Real workplace application

Education that fits your life.



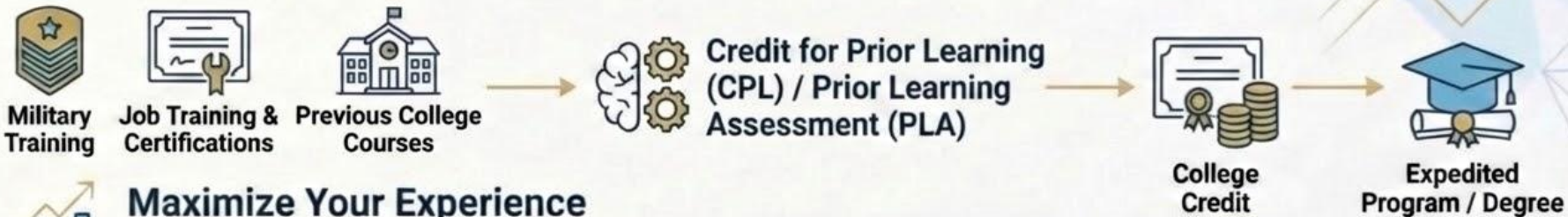
Why Employees Don't Use Tuition Benefits

Nationally:

-  Fewer than 5% of employees use tuition benefits.
-  Most don't think they have time.
-  Many don't know where to start.
-  Some don't think it applies to them.

Today is about removing those barriers. ↗

Colleges have Credit for Prior Learning, to earn credit for credentials & experiences outside of the classroom.



Maximize Your Experience

Colleges have Credit for Prior Learning, also called Prior Learning Assessment, which are programs that will allow you to earn college credit for credentials & experiences you've had outside of the classroom. This can include military training, job training/certifications, and courses completed at other colleges or universities.

EPCE works with institutions that help you maximize what you are bringing to the table - Excelsior excels at this and will speak more about this shortly.



You may be closer to a degree than you think!

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Tips for Adult Learners: Once you are enrolled



Advocate for yourself in the online classroom

- Ask questions, via email or in discussion boards, if you don't understand something.
- It is difficult for faculty members to know if you need help if you don't ask (because they can't see your face or body language in course)



Use the Discussion Boards to bond and learn from other students

- Most of the students in your class will be working adults, like you, and you can share the joys and pains of learning together through this period of your life.



Seek out help

- A lot of us in the workplace haven't been writing papers in many years. Ask your advisor or faculty member if you need assistance. Many schools have writing coaches or workshops that can assist you (online).



Set aside time to study

- Make the commitment to study X hours a day. Maybe it is just one hour a day! Starting small is fine.



EPCE Success Stories



“I use the knowledge I gained in the MBA program in my supervisor position all the time—from leadership skills, to business goals and strategies, and more.”

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Earned: Master of Business Administration
Anthony Daniels, Radiation Protection Supervisor
Florida Power & Light (FPL), Turkey Point Nuclear Generating Station

“I sought out a school that offered online, accelerated programs and ABET accreditation, with the goal of advancing my career and having an opportunity to get a Professional Engineer (PE) license. Without Excelsior’s BSEET program, achieving my dream of being an engineer would not have been feasible,”

Earned: BS in Electrical Engineering Technology
Val Wohlscheid, System Engineer
HomeWorks Tri-County Electric Cooperative



“I was able to keep working full time and attend the classes on my schedule due to the flexible nature of the classes. Investing in yourself is always worth it in the end. I would encourage anyone who is thinking about it to enroll and take the next step.”

Earned: MS in Cybersecurity
Bill Kearson, Director, Information Security
Jacksonville Electric Authority (JEA)



Q&A

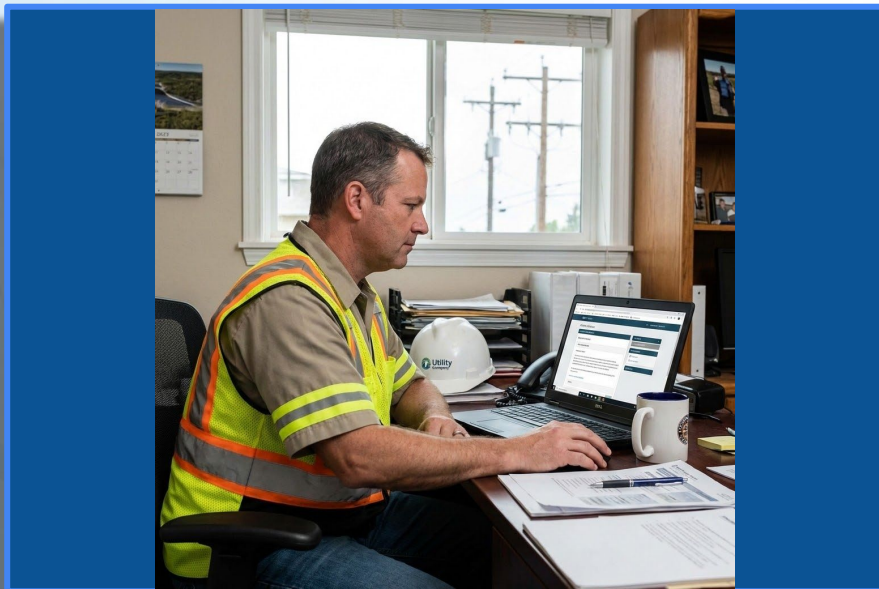
- Any questions on EPCE before we hand it over to Excelsior?



Excelsior slides or Can Switch Screen Share

Our gift to you for attending today!

ADULT LEARNER TOOLKIT



WHAT IS THE ENERGY PROVIDERS COALITION FOR EDUCATION (EPCE)?

EPCE is a partnership of energy industry employers, unions and associations created to address critical employment needs in the energy industry through online education, founded in 2009. Because your company is an EPCE member, you receive discounted tuition which means your tuition assistance dollars go further.

EPCE's online programs are developed by industry, for industry. They identify clear, attainable learning outcomes based on job responsibilities. The course materials are reviewed by subject matter experts, trainers, and managers in the energy field. This means that what you and your fellow employees learn is applicable, current, and relevant to your career, and where you want to go.

ADULT LEARNER TOOLKIT

This toolkit provides an overview of EPCE, its program offerings, and tips for adult learners. It is meant for employees of EPCE member companies who are interested in earning a certificate, associate, bachelor's or advanced degree to grow their careers.

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Thank You and Next Steps



We will email out
slide deck/webinar
recording.



We will send you
the Adult Learner
Toolkit as a
Thank You for
attending today.



Connect with us
for any questions.

