
GASTON COUNTY WORKFORCE ACTIVITY NEWSLETTER

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY COMMISSION

GASTON COUNTY JOBLINK CAREER CENTER

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Welcome to our March issue of the Gaston County Workforce Activity News. This monthly publication will contain relevant, up-to-date information on our county labor force and activity at the local Employment Security Commission/JobLink Office for July – January 2010. Please visit the ESC website at www.ncesc.com to review the wide range of services offered to employers. You can also explore services at the JobLink website: www.gastonjoblink.com. If you need to place a job order, need current labor market information, or just have a question about our services, feel free to contact me at (704) 853-5328, ext 218, or sharon.riggan@ncmail.net.



JobsNOW Incentive CNA+

Gaston County Labor Force Statistics

	Jan 2010	Dec 2009	Jan 2009
Labor Force	98,816	99,340	100,006
Employed	84,495	85,484	86,898
Unemployed	14,321	13,856	13,108
Unemployment	14.5	13.9	13.1
Initial Claims	2,781	2,431	4,998
Benefits Paid	6,243,246	6,082,972	6,126,898
Benefits Exhausted	911	848	429

Gaston College Fast-Track Education and Job Training Programs Now Available

Gaston College has created a training and education program that will help Gaston and Lincoln County residents complete job training as quickly as possible. JobsNOW is for individuals who have been displaced from employment and those who are unemployed or underemployed may qualify. This job training program is a partnership with the Workforce Development Board and monies allocated through federal stimulus money funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Students are completing training in Certified Nursing Assistant plus medication aide, Certified Nursing Assistant II, Medical Billing and Coding, Welding, Office & Clerical Support, and HRD.

For additional information on the JobsNOW Fast-Track Training and Education program, please call 704-922-2276.



JobsNOW Incentive Welding Class



Employment Security Commission/JobLink Career Center

Activity Report For

July-January 2010

1	Customers who visited the office at least once Since July 2009:	11,219
2	Customers who found a job as a result of their visit:	1,243
3	Customers who attended a workshop on Job Seeking Skills:	320
4	Customers referred to a Community College or other training provider:	882
5	Employers who called the office to get help filling a job since July 2009:	822
6	Employers contacted by our office about a job opening since July 2009:	452
7	The amount paid out in unemployment benefits in the county since July 2009:	\$45,117,210

******Spring Job Fair******
Mark your calendars now!
April 14th, 2010
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Union Road Church of God
2315 Union Road
Gastonia, NC 28054

For additional information, visit our website at:

www.ncesc.com

Please also visit the Gaston County JobLink Career Center website:

www.gastonjoblink.com