Entry Level Underground Miner Program (Red Hat)

Effective January 2025

Description:

Pierpont's 80-hour Entry Level Underground Miner course is designed to prepare students for the WV Office of Miners Health and Safety certification exam. This is required for a career as an entry-level underground coal miner. Trainees will be exposed to a general orientation in mining, mining health and safety, mine gases and ventilation, roof and ribs, haulage, emergency response, accident prevention and hazard recognition, and miner and operator rights and responsibilities. Students cannot miss a class or be late.

An MSHA 5023 form will be issued to each student who successfully passes the course. The MSHA 5023 form is necessary to sit for the WV Office of Miner's Health and Safety exam. This exam is given in Morgantown following the successful completion of this course. Students are strongly encouraged to take this exam as soon as practicable following receipt of their MSHA 2023 form. The cost of the exam is $10.00 payable to the WV Office of Miner's Health and Safety in person prior to the exam and is not included in the cost of tuition.

Upon successful completion of the Entry LevelUnderground Miner Program (Red Hat), students will:

- Receive a 5023 form and Certificate of Completion
- The 5023 form is necessary to sit for the exam.
- The exam is given in Morgantown following the class.
- The cost of the exam is $10.00 payable to the WV Office of Miner's Health and Safety in person prior to the exam and is not included in the cost of tuition.

Instructor
Greg Riley

Location
Pierpont Community & Technical College
Advanced Technology Center
500 Galliher Drive
Room 220
Fairmont, WV 26554

Schedule
Monday March 10th – Friday March 21st 2025
8:00AM – 4:30PM
Monday – Friday

OR

Tuesday April 8th – Friday May 2nd 2025
4:30PM-9:30PM
Tuesday - Friday

Tuition
$500.00 per student
Registration and payment are required by Monday March 3rd.

Financial Aid:
HEAPS Grant funds are available for qualified applicants.
To initiate the application, go to financial aid link
A FAFSA application and high school transcripts may also be required to be approved.

Contact your Regional Workforce Development Office to determine eligibility for WIOA Training
Scholarships Region 6 https://regionviwv.org/training-education/wioa-training-scholarships/

Minimum Qualifications:
Students must be 18 years old
High School Diploma or equivalent
Valid Driver's License

Accommodation Statement:
If you have or had an IEP or 504 Plan in high school or if you think you have a disability
that might interfere with your completion of this class, contact Pierpont's Support
Services for information about possible accommodations. access@pierpont.edu 304-
534-7878