



IBEST Certificate Programs at SPSCC Starting Fall Quarter 2010

SPSCC is very happy to accept **ABE and ESL** students to our **three IBEST Technical Certificate programs** (IBEST = Integrated Basic Education and Skills Training)

They are a **2-quarter certificate** for **Beginning Automotive Technician** and **3-quarter certificates** in **Landscape Horticulture** and **Customer Service Specialist** .

What's unique about the program is a **Basic Skills instructor** who *accompanies* the students to their technical content classes **50%** of the time. **Students may also have a class entirely with the ABE teacher**, to catch up on technical vocabulary, assignments, quiz and test preparation, etc. *This extra support has been successful in helping Basic Skills students enter college-level classes for technical certificates in over 150 IBEST programs in Washington community colleges, so far.*

Financial Aid and the Opportunity Grant are available to qualified students.

- High-wage, high-demand **jobs** in these fields are available in Thurston County upon exit, and SPSCC provides a **job developer** for IBEST students.
- The **Beginning Automotive Technology** certificate leads to jobs in basic automotive maintenance, basic electrical, plus steering and suspension work in auto repair and maintenance shops.
- **Jobs** for **Customer Service** include receptionists and office assistants in any professional office or retail business.
- A certificate in **Landscape Horticulture** will get you ready for jobs as a gardener or landscaper in parks, private homes, gardening stores, golf courses and many other work sites.
- IBEST credits apply to advanced certificates and/or the **AAS** (Associate of Applied Science), if students continue.
- A **GED or high school certificate is not necessary to enter the program.**
- **ESL** students must be at an **intermediate level of English** to join; placement testing is required for everyone upon entry.

IBEST offers a complete set of college services:

- Entry screening/interview
- Registration
- Course advisement
- Financial Aid
- Test proctoring
- Counseling/mentoring
- Tutoring
- Coursework

**FOR ENTRY INTERVIEWS AFTER MAY 1, 2010, OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL
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