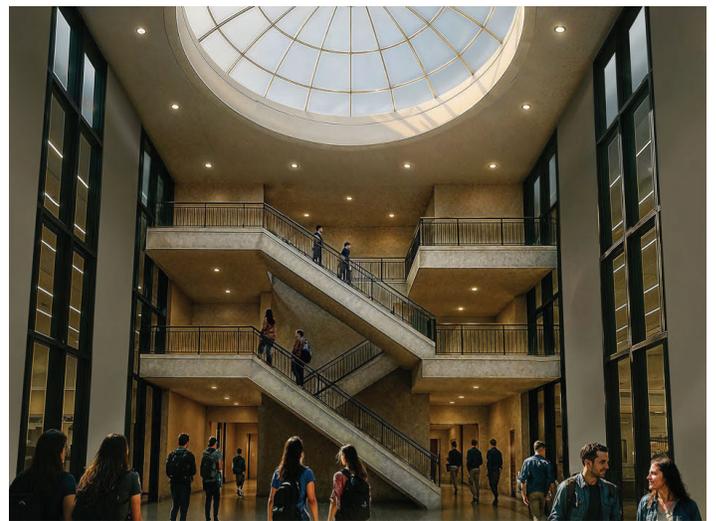




CCRI Workforce Innovation Center

The Future of Workforce Training in Rhode Island

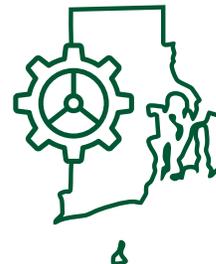


 Community College of
Rhode Island

Welcome one and all.

The Workforce Innovation Center is more than a building. It is a strategic investment in Rhode Island's workforce.

Located at CCRI's Warwick Campus, the **Workforce Innovation Center** will serve as a **regional hub** for career and technical education, designed to **address critical workforce shortages**, support local industry, and provide high-quality, hands-on training in high-demand sectors such as advanced manufacturing, construction trades, healthcare, information technology, and other emerging industries.



Return on Investment

- **Built for Rhode Island's needs:** The Workforce Innovation Center is designed to play a pivotal role in Rhode Island's economic development by addressing labor market gaps, supporting key industries, and preparing residents for in-demand careers. The Workforce Innovation Center will focus on training in areas where significant labor supply shortages exist today and are projected to continue across the state.
- **Raising incomes:** Wage analysis demonstrates that the Workforce Innovation Center will provide training for in-demand occupations with earnings that exceed those typically available to workers with only a high school diploma.
- **One-time build, self-sustaining operations:** The Workforce Innovation Center is designed to be financially self-sustaining, supported by tuition and fees, Workforce Pell, employer-sponsored training, and apprenticeships. Positive net cash flow will allow CCRI to continually enhance programs and offerings and respond to changes in labor market needs, thereby ensuring long-term investment in Rhode Island's workforce.

Capacity to Serve More Students

The new facility will significantly expand the CCRI's capacity to train more students annually, including adult learners,

dislocated workers, veterans, and recent high school graduates and to train them in occupations not currently feasible with our existing facilities.

Increased Wages for Rhode Islanders

- Effective workforce programming **provides higher wage jobs**. Many certificate-level careers pay more than high-school graduate jobs (median \$21.71/hr).
 - **Examples:** Electrician \$44.41, Advanced Manufacturing/CNC \$30.17, IT Support \$28.57 (median hourly pay)

Industry Collaboration and Alignment

Designed in consultation with key stakeholders including industry leaders, trade associations, regional employers, and economic development agencies, the **building will align with real-world job requirements and facilitate on-site partnerships, internships, and workforce placements.**

Sustainable Design

The Workforce Innovation Center's design explicitly incorporates features that align with high-performance green building principles, including a high-performance thermal envelope and "electric readiness" provisions of the 2024 IECC, positioning it as a leader in sustainable public infrastructure.



Modern, Flexible Training Infrastructure

The Workforce Innovation will include industry-standard labs, simulation centers, and spaces that support hands-on learning and innovation.

- 22,000 SF of labs/shop space (50%), two stories high and represents **two-thirds of the building's volume**
- 12,000 SF of classrooms (28%)
- 9,800 SF of offices and conference rooms (22%)