



Framatome announces relaunch of Nuclear Technology Academy to support hiring needs

May 25, 2023 - Framatome announced today the relaunch of the Framatome Nuclear Technology Academy, a collaborative workforce training program in partnership with Central Virginia Community College (CVCC). Available to current and future CVCC-enrolled students, this program provides both classroom and hands-on training for those interested in ensuring a clean energy future.

The program provides flexibility for students to pursue Associate of Applied Science degrees in nuclear technician specialties, alternating between the classroom and work in a real-world environment at a Framatome project site. Upon successful completion of the Framatome program, participants begin their full-time careers as nuclear technicians.

“As the demand for clean energy increases, so does the need for skilled employees,” said Katherine Williams, chief financial officer and incoming chief executive officer of Framatome Inc. “Workforce is a significant challenge in most industries and through this program, Framatome and CVCC are developing the skillsets needed to ensure that the nuclear sector will continue to thrive as a low carbon energy choice.”

The program was initially launched in 2004, and many of the graduates are employed in various roles at Framatome. The renewed focus on the importance of nuclear power in the future of clean, low-carbon energy requires a greater emphasis on expanding the nuclear workforce. As the demand for skilled technicians continues to increase to meet national and international energy needs, Framatome has modernized the program, working with CVCC, and is investing \$400,000 over the next four years in the program as part of its commitment to maintaining the industry’s future workforce.

“The labor challenges facing the nuclear industry are clear indicators that we must proactively develop new training opportunities for current and future employees,” said Dr. John Capps, president of CVCC. “The relaunch of the Nuclear Technology Academy is an essential part of our dedication to partner with private industry in this effort.”

The Framatome Nuclear Technology Academy will welcome 30 participants for the fall 2023 cohort. The curriculum is not limited to the nuclear industry and other companies in the region may also participate in order to train and develop skilled workers for their own workforce needs.

“The Virginia Nuclear Energy Consortium reports that 100,000 jobs in the Commonwealth are tied directly to the nuclear sector,” said April Wade, executive director of the Virginia Nuclear Energy Consortium. “In order to support the ambitions of low-carbon energy, we must commit to supporting the future of energy workers.”

The Framatome Nuclear Technology Academy is part of a strategy to aggressively hire in various fields to support the growth of the business and the industry.

**Virginia Nuclear Energy Consortium: 95% of the carbon-free energy in the Commonwealth is generated by nuclear power. [Link to statistics](#)*

About Framatome

Framatome is an international leader in nuclear energy recognized for its innovative, digital and value added solutions for the global nuclear fleet. With worldwide expertise and a proven track record for reliability and performance, the company designs, services and installs components, fuel, and instrumentation and control systems for nuclear power plants. Its more than 16,000 employees work every day to help Framatome's customers supply ever cleaner, safer and more economical low-carbon energy.

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About Central Virginia Community College

Central Virginia Community College is a two-year institution established as a member of the Virginia Community College System. We provide state-supported educational facilities beyond the high school level for the city of Lynchburg and the counties of Amherst, Appomattox, Bedford and Campbell. The curricula and programs of the college serve more than 228,000 people within this geographical jurisdiction. With academic excellence as its aim in all areas, the College offers various programs to meet the diverse needs of the region it serves. Its two-year college transfer programs in arts and sciences and in certain pre-professional areas lead to associate degrees and offer courses generally acceptable for transfer to four-year institutions. Its occupational and technical programs lead to diplomas, certificates or associate of applied science degrees and are designed to prepare individuals for certain professions. Its other programs, including developmental work, special training for industry and community service, offer instruction commensurate with the needs of individuals, groups or the general public.

About CVCC's Nuclear Technology Program

This program is designed to prepare students for employment in the nuclear energy service industry. It provides in-class and practical hands-on training in basic maintenance, electricity, engineering, programming, and related skills. Students completing this program are prepared for employment as an entry-level technician in the nuclear energy field.