

JobsNOW Testimonials

Behavioral Health Technician

“The JobsNOW Behavioral Health Technician program gave me job skills that put me ahead of the pack compared to other applicants walking off the street. During the program, I received NCI Certification & First Aid/CPR Certification. With other applicants, each mental health facility would have to pay for them to receive that training. To already have it looks so much better to them. In addition, I also earned a Gold level Career Readiness Certificate, which also looks good to potential employers. This training helped me gain employment with HomeCare Management and it feels so good to be working again.”

- *Evan Scott, BHT Graduate, Spring 2010*

“I was hired as a Residential Advisor at Strategic Behavioral Center after completion of this class. Essentially the information given in this program was helpful in every aspect and brought consciousness to a new realm of opportunities.” - *Margie Causby, BHT Graduate, Spring 2010*

“I was hired as a Paraprofessional at Physicians Alliance Mental Health. This career training was helpful to gaining employment because I knew the [industry] terminology and it made me more confident in the interview. Also, the training I received through this program was looked at highly by my employer and they were flexible with my schedule so that I could complete the program. The Employability Skills class helped me greatly in knowing what to look for and what to say during an interview and the CRC helped me in testing for my orientation. I am very grateful for the training I received in this JobsNOW Program.” - *Kevin Barrett Allen, BHT Graduate, Spring 2010*

“I really do feel the BHT training expanded my capabilities in serving the disabled community. The Instructor’s professional experience in the MH & SA field and her networking added tremendous value to the program.” - *Kay Zwan, BHT Graduate, Spring 2010*

“I’ve been [employed] in the [mental health] field before and know that the material covered is above and beyond what is expected by local companies. The instructor and information communicated is giving us a huge leg up for the job searching process.” - *Nicole Obieglo, BHT Graduate, Spring 2010*

“I was employed at a local group home before taking the class, but I didn’t know what a lot of the info and acronyms I heard [on the job] meant until I completed this program. While completing this class, I was able to obtain a 2nd job in the field. If I hadn’t started this program, I wouldn’t have obtained additional employment in the field because I didn’t know that employers are now asking for things such as a Career Readiness Certificate (CRC).” - *Ashley Armstrong, BHT Graduate, Spring 2010*

“I obtained employment as a Residential Advisor at Strategic Behavioral Health. The career training I gained through the Behavioral Health Technician program at CFCC was helpful because I was able to learn techniques to use when dealing with residents. My employer was supportive of this class and allowed me to have a flexible schedule so I could complete the training.” - *Gregory Lewis, BHT Graduate Summer 2010*

“I was hired as a Habilitation Technician at Lindley Habilitation Services, Inc. This class provided me with great knowledge of the field, plus state training and certificates I needed to work in this field. Not only was my employer support of this training, they are seeking to recruit more students from the program.” - *Lauren Downing, BHT Graduate, Summer 2010*

“Even though I didn’t have previous work experience in the mental health field, I was hired by ResCare as in Direct Staff Support after completing the Behavioral Health Technician training at CFCC. My new employer said that the class was a plus and it gave me the training I needed for the job. They also worked around my school schedule so I could complete the class.” - *Jessica Mogged, BHT Graduate, Summer 2010*

"I became employed with Autism Support and Programs (ASAP). The Behavioral Health Technician program and also CFCC's Continuing Education Career Counseling Specialist really helped with my job search." – *Michael Loeffler, BHT Graduate, Summer 2010*

"I was hired as a Habilitation Technician at Lindley Habilitation. The BHT career training at CFCC helped me become informed and confident before starting my job search in the mental health field. The training helps with my day-to-day job in working with clients and cognitive thinking." – *Nicole Vest, BHT Graduate, Summer 2010*

(Email from a BHT Graduate)

Hi Jill,

I just wanted to write a few lines to let you know that you were an excellent resource for me while attending the JobsNOW program at CFCC. I cannot begin to express my appreciation for your help in re-working my resume. I submitted that resume to the NC Substance Abuse Board for my credentialing process, and my registration with the State has been accepted by the Board.

I am currently continuing my education for the credentialing process, which will include a three-year internship. After submitting my resume to literally hundreds of employers and receiving absolutely no response, I was thrilled that my application with the State went through flawlessly. It was wonderful having your services available to me through Cape Fear Community College.

Thank you very much for all of your hard work.

Sincerely,

Michelle Sweeney, SAC-R

(Letter from Employer who hired from the BHT program)

Dear Jill,

It is with great appreciation that I write to you expressing my complete satisfaction with one of your previous students, Mike Loeffler.

Mike came to work with ASAP in early July of this year and he has exceeded any expectations we could have had of him. He is conscientious, bright, and compassionate when working with the folks we serve. In fact, one of our participants chooses the staff he wants to work with and he consistently chooses Mike. And what's ironic about this situation is that Mike endured several episodes of extreme behaviors with this young man and he maintained his composure and has stuck with him. I think they now have a beautiful bond and I am so impressed with Mike's attitude and perseverance through it all. He is a great addition to our team.

In addition to the above qualities, Mike is a team player. He is always willing to help out wherever he is needed and is absolutely dependable. I think I can speak for all of us at ASAP when I say that Mike goes above and beyond the call of duty.

Thank you so much for the great work your program is doing getting people prepared for these trying yet important jobs. We are very grateful for the referrals and look forward to a long term relationship with you and CFCC.

Sincerely,

Judy Clark
ASAP Director



Plumbing Apprenticeship I Testimonials

“I obtained my Journeyman’s license after completing the Plumbing Apprenticeship class, and was then hired at Wilmington Plumbing. My employer is starting me out as a helper, but the long term plan is for me to start running my own truck in a year or two. In the meantime, the experience is invaluable. This serves as a good object lesson for any future students who knew as little as I did about plumbing specifically and construction in general. This field really does work out if you put your mind to it.”

– *Jason Stewart, Plumbing Graduate, Spring 2010*

“Just wanted to let you know, the guys from the Florida plumbing outfit finally called today. Looks like Johnny, Jeff and I will be productive citizens again soon. I want to thank you for all your help with my resume' and job hunting skills. We could not have done it without you. Please thank Anna for me too.”

– *Randy Woods, Plumbing Graduate, Spring 2010*

“The instructor knows virtually everything there is to know about plumbing as well as several other fields. Very clear and precise instruction.” - *Plumbing Student, Spring 2010*

“I entered [the JobsNOW program] with no plumbing knowledge whatsoever and without any construction knowledge at all, but now I feel fully qualified to work in the field.” - *Plumbing Student, Spring 2010*