



FrontRunner is Gaining Traction as a Front Runner in New Apprenticeship

Real world experience before stepping foot in the workforce

Utah Transit Authority (UTA) is excited to announce their new nationally registered FrontRunner apprenticeship program - Transit Heavy Rail Vehicle Maintenance Technician.

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Each apprentice will have to demonstrate competency in a variety of tasks for all eleven training modules. The program is registered as a four-year program, but we look at competency as the key to completion.”

Stacey Palacios, Manager of Training & Development at UTA

Choosing the Right Candidates

The apprenticeship program is currently up and running. Eight applicants were chosen through an extensive selection process. They began their journey on January 3rd with Common Core Electrical as the kick-off class to the program.

Apprentices are required to attend 1,000 hours of classroom or instructional training, as well as obtain a minimum of 5,400 hours

of on-the-job training before completing the program. This means these individuals will have real-world experience before they even enter the workforce.

UTA's long-term goal is to use the Amatrol training aids and programs in FrontRunner, TRAX, Bus, Track, Parts, Body Shop, and Facilities maintenance areas to improve technician's skills and abilities.

A Step Above the Rest

UTA chose Amatrol, a global leader in CTE programs, for the curriculum and virtual trainers. Their courses are not only engaging, but also customizable for trainers to create a one-of-a-kind interactive learning experience. Amatrol's training aid equipment, curriculum, warranty, service, and cost is what set them apart from other companies that UTA considered.



A Big Thank You

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