



Transforming the airport into a classroom, Airport University offers on-site college courses to help low-wage workers build skills to move from entry-level jobs into successful careers.

Overview

Airports have long been places where people can move from entry-level, low-wage jobs to higher-paying, long-term careers simply by hard work and perseverance. With recent changes across the industry, though, that upward mobility has become more difficult.

Airlines and other larger companies now outsource many job functions to smaller, specialty firms that may offer fewer opportunities for promotion. Without additional education and a good strategy for career advancement, a hard working employee can find it difficult to advance into jobs that pay the family bills.

Airport University reconnects the rungs of the career ladder for airport employees. It helps job seekers overcome barriers to entry-level employment and provides incumbent workers with the educational opportunities and skills trainings they need to move to better jobs.

AU transforms the workplace into a college by offering: practical, credit-bearing courses tailored to the airport environment; locations and schedules that fit student needs; certifications that broaden advancement options; and on-site career and educational advising to guide the next steps toward a successful future.

Fast Facts

- Since its creation in 2003, 1,042 airport employees have completed at least one AU course.
- Course and training offerings include: Supervision and Leadership. Computer Basics, Online college classes, Job Seeking Basics, and more.

Partnerships

Since 2003, Port Jobs and South Seattle Community College have cultivated a highly effective partnership that is achieving impressive results in helping job seekers get into airport jobs.



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Additional funding partnerships with the Annie E. Casey Foundation **Making Connections** project allow Airport University to provide specialized job-readiness training.

Airport employers are key to the program. They help adapt the curriculum to ensure that the skills taught have a high value in the workplace. They recruit potential students from their workforce. Many offer their workers paid release time to attend classes.

Neighborhood House provides additional case management services to augment the on-site career and educational advising received through South Seattle Community College.

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