

# Natural gas training

Fueling your next career

Fall session – September 20-24, 2021



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## What is the Virginia Natural Gas Veterans' Training Program?

Virginia Natural Gas, in partnership with the Virginia Gas Operators Association (VGOA), is offering an intensive, one-week natural gas training program focused on the critical components of natural gas pipeline operations and safety. The intended outcome for participants is: 1) to determine whether your skills align with industry needs, 2) to understand your interest in pursuing a career in the natural gas pipeline operations field, and 3) to connect veterans to potential employment.

Training will take place at the Tidewater Community College Virginia Beach Campus and will be led by leading natural gas operations and safety professionals from Virginia.

## What you will learn:

This is a Navy Region Mid-Atlantic approved SkillBridge program, in accordance with DODI 1322.29 and NAVADMIN 222/15. Training will prepare you for a career in the natural gas industry and cover topics such as Code Review and Safety, Damage Prevention, Line Locating, Installation of Pipe, Mechanical Joining and Plastic Pipe Joining. Upon completion you will receive a certificate of completion from VGOA.

## Eligibility

- High school diploma or GED
- Interest in working actively in the natural gas industry
- Veterans: Honorable or General Discharge (DD214)
- Active Duty: Must meet all eligibility criteria outlined in NAVADMIN 222/15
- If using GI Bill®: Obtain VA Letter of Eligibility

## Training location and hours:

**Location:** Tidewater Community College, Virginia Beach Campus, 1700 College Crescent, Virginia Beach, VA

**Class schedule:** Training takes place over a one-week period. Each day will begin with a review of the applicable code sections from the Pipeline Safety Regulations. The program focuses heavily on code compliance and will equip you with basic knowledge of pipeline safety standards and the proper field techniques to comply with safety regulations.

The code review will be followed by classroom instruction on the topic as identified in the agenda, followed by actual hands-on practice. The fifth day will consist of a review and written test, followed by networking event with industry employers.

**Hours:** Classes will meet **Mon. – Fri., 0800 – 1600**

**Dates:** Fall session – **September 20-24, 2021**

## Where do I get an application?

Contact Anthony Fontes at Tidewater Community College via email at [afontes@tcc.edu](mailto:afontes@tcc.edu) or by phone at **757.822.1519**.

## Natural gas topics covered in this program:

- Code review and safety focus
- Damage prevention
- Line locating
- Installation of pipe
- Mechanical joining
- Plastic pipe joining

