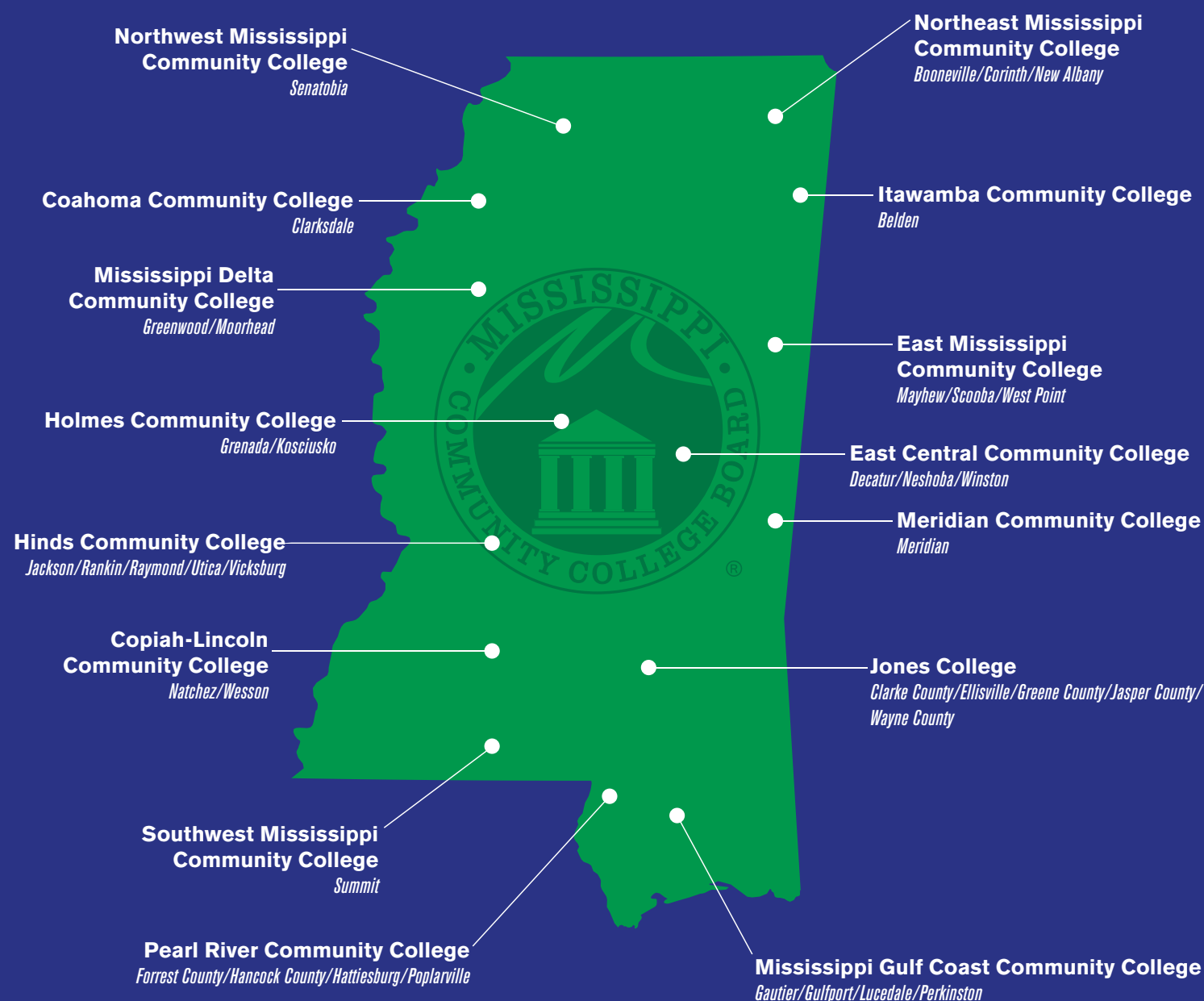


FIND A MIBEST PROGRAM AT A COMMUNITY COLLEGE NEAR YOU



“MIBEST WORKS BECAUSE OF THE STRONG COLLABORATION AMONG THE FIFTEEN COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES, OUR BUSINESS PARTNERS, THE W.K. KELLOGG FOUNDATION AND OTHER FUNDERS. WITHOUT THE ASSETS THAT EACH PARTNER BRINGS TO THE TABLE, WE WOULDN’T SEE THE STRONG RESULTS THAT WE ARE ACHIEVING THROUGH MIBEST.”

***Dr. Andrea Mayfield, Executive Director
Mississippi Community College Board***

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START YOUR CAREER HERE

The **Mississippi Integrated Basic Education and Skills Training (MIBEST)** program is a workforce and economic development initiative that moves low-skilled, non-credentialed individuals from the economic sidelines into careers that pay family sustaining wages.

MIBEST provides free tuition, financial assistance for educational supplies (such as books and uniforms), and supportive services (such as transportation and childcare assistance) where applicable. To enroll in MIBEST, individuals must be:

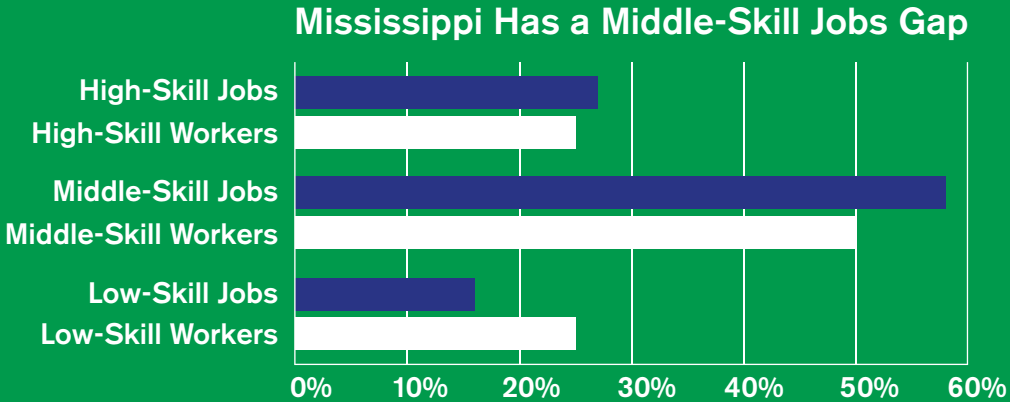
- A high school dropout or possess low work skills,
- At least 17 years old, and
- A Mississippi resident.

The following components make MIBEST a great opportunity for people who want to improve their education and employment prospects:

- **Academic skills development (reading, writing, and math) combined with occupational training** increases relevance to career choices and helps students finish faster;
- **High School Equivalency (HSE) Diploma** demonstrates that students have acquired the necessary academic skills to thrive in college and careers;
- **Intensive student support services** provide constant guidance and resources to remove barriers to success in MIBEST education and training programs;
- **Employability skills training**, the **National Career Readiness Credential (NCRC)**, and **work-based learning opportunities** prepare students for the work environment;
- **College credits** encourage students to continue their postsecondary education now or in the future; and
- **College and Industry-based Credential attainment** equips students with marketable job skills and credentials desired by employers.

GROW YOUR SKILLED WORKFORCE

MIBEST is preparing the middle-skill workforce that companies need.



Source: National Skills Coalition analysis of Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Employment Statistics by State, May 2015



MIDDLE-SKILL JOBS require more than a high school diploma but less than a four-year degree and often require specialized technical skills.



“THE MIBEST PROGRAM HAS HELPED ME TREMENDOUSLY. WHEN I WAS INFORMED ABOUT WHAT THE PROGRAM OFFERED, I HONESTLY THOUGHT IT WAS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE; HOWEVER IT IS TRUE. I APPRECIATE EVERYTHING THEY HAVE DONE FOR ME.”

–MIBEST STUDENT

HERE ARE JUST A FEW OF THE MANY CAREER PATHWAYS IN WHICH MIBEST GRADUATES ARE READY TO WORK:

- Accounting Technology
- Automotive Technology
- Health Care Data Management
- Business Office Technology
- Commercial Truck Driving
- Hospitality Management
- Computer Programming
- Animation and Simulation Design
- Industrial Maintenance
- Information Technology
- Precision Machining
- Carpentry
- Health Care Assistant
- Culinary Arts
- Collision Repair
- Welding

WHY MIBEST WORKS FOR BUSINESSES

- **Employability skills training** and the **National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC)** ensure that MIBEST graduates have the professionalism, customer service, problem-solving and other “soft skills” to be an asset to your company
- Multiple **industry-based** and **college-issued credentials** indicate that graduates have the technical skills you want in critical positions
- **Work experience** illustrates that MIBEST graduates can apply the academic and technical skills they have learned in college on the job

IMPROVE YOUR QUALITY OF LIFE

Whether your goal is to **begin working** in your chosen career field, **enter an apprenticeship** to earn while you learn, **pursue higher education**, or **enlist in the U.S. military**, it’s clear that MIBEST will help equip you with the necessary education and training to be successful. Here are a few brief student testimonies about the benefits of MIBEST.

“I MEAN IT’S ALMOST LIKE THEY DON’T GIVE YOU AN OPTION TO FAIL. I’M DOING AUTOMOTIVE AND WELDING RIGHT NOW. I WAS ABLE TO COMPLETE THE MIBEST PART OF IT AND I AM CONTINUING ON TOWARDS AN ASSOCIATES DEGREE, SO NOW I’M A COLLEGE STUDENT, WHICH IS SOMETHING I NEVER THOUGHT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN...”

ALONSO HERNANDEZ,
MIBEST GRADUATE

“I RECOMMEND THIS PROGRAM TO ANYONE I MEET...”

AMANDA SORIANO,
MIBEST GRADUATE

“I GRADUATED WITH A MISSISSIPPI OCCUPATIONAL DIPLOMA IN HIGH SCHOOL. I WAS SAYING: I WANT TO DO SOMETHING BETTER. I WANT TO MAKE MORE MONEY. I WANT TO MAKE A BETTER LIVING FOR MY CHILDREN. THE PEOPLE IN MIBEST AND THE INSTRUCTORS PUSH YOU; THEY MOTIVATE YOU. THEY WANT YOU TO BE SUCCESSFUL. RIGHT NOW MY MAJOR IS INDUSTRIAL MAINTENANCE. MY PLAN IS TO GO ON AND GET MY ASSOCIATES DEGREE.”

JACOB DAVIS,
MIBEST GRADUATE

