



# Coming Soon...

## **READY FOR LIFE**

Ready for Life is an Arkansas initiative for those who want to improve their skills or change careers. ASUMH will be offering several opportunities through this grant: Check back often for information on dates and times for these classes which are expected to begin in late June.

### **Ready4Work**

Employability skills, sometimes referred to as soft skills, include things like integrity, initiative, dependability, teamwork, professionalism and respect. Employers from every field say these are most important qualities they are looking for in new hires. Ready2Work will help you identify these skills in yourself and provide tips for improving your performance of these skills in the workplace. Upon successful completion of the Ready2Work Employability Certificate, participants are guaranteed an interview with local participating employers who have an open position.

### **Mechatronics – Certificate of Proficiency**

Mechatronics is a new and rapidly growing field that integrates electronics, mechanics, pneumatics, hydraulics, and computer control systems to create new and improved automated manufacturing production systems. This program is designed for people who are interested in plant maintenance, set up, installation, and assembly. These jobs are found in the manufacturing, medical, electronics, agriculture, and automotive industries.

### **Health Sciences**

Ready for Life is funding several health sciences programs. Check with Sarah Smith, [ssmith@asumh.edu](mailto:ssmith@asumh.edu), 508-6266 for details.

## **FUTURE FIT**

The Arkansas Economic Development Commission conducted more than 1,800 face-to-face meetings with local Arkansas companies to evaluate the extent of the skilled worker shortage in Arkansas and found approximately 10,000 unfilled jobs, of which 26.2 percent require no formal education and 52.5 percent require a high school diploma or GED.

To combat this problem, the Arkansas Economic Development Commission launched skills gap workforce program called Future Fit. The Future Fit program helps place qualified individuals directly into well-paying jobs with participating companies throughout Arkansas. Participants of Future Fit will complete a training program that will prepare them for entry-level employment with these companies.

These classes will be free and are expected to begin in late summer or early fall. Watch [www.asumh/workforce](http://www.asumh/workforce) for updated information as it becomes available!