



## What is VIA?

The **Virginia Infrastructure Academy (VIA)** aims to address the critical skills gap in Virginia's workforce by providing training for infrastructure-related jobs. Focusing on high-demand areas such as heavy construction, road, bridge, and tunnel construction, broadband expansion, and renewable energy infrastructure, **VIA provides pathways to high-paying jobs and career advancement.** This initiative supports the Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Acts and aligns with Virginia's economic growth goals.

**84%** of students received a credential

**98%** completion rate

**6,500+** credentials earned

## Low to no cost education and training

Many VIA programs qualify for funding through FastForward, where students on average pay \$801 out of pocket. For programs that qualify for funding, most students pay nothing for their training.

## Job opportunities across Virginia

**Broadband Access:** Universal broadband access goal by 2028, creating 360,000 connections.

**Green Energy Jobs:** Virginia Clean Economy Act creating over 29,000 jobs in solar and wind energy.

**Northern Virginia:** Capital Beltway improvements including \$3 billion for I-66 express lanes.

**Eastern Virginia:** \$3.8 billion underwater tunnel and road expansion in Hampton Roads.

**Central Virginia:** Expansion of I-64 from Richmond to Hampton Roads.

**Southern Virginia:** US 58 improvements spanning 680 miles.

**Western Virginia:** \$2 billion I-81 Corridor Improvement Program.



**6,508**  
credentials  
earned since  
2021

## Industry Partners & Employers



**CHEMUNG  
CONTRACTING  
CORPORATION**  
*A Dairyville Company*



**Day & Zimmermann**  
*We do what we say.*



**Dominion  
Energy**



**HEAVY CONSTRUCTION  
CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION**



**VCTA** | Broadband  
Association of Virginia



**VIRGINIA  
ASPHALT  
ASSOCIATION**



**VTCA**  
Virginia Transportation Construction Alliance

## Outcomes and Results

The VIA has made significant strides toward addressing the skilled trade workforce shortage through its efforts. There have been overall increases in enrollments (30.1%), completions (30.5%) and credentials earned (30.3%) while maintaining a completion rate of 98% and higher from 2021 to 2023.

### Average wage increase by industry

**+\$16,259**

**Transportation/HEO**

**+\$23,426**

**Skilled Trades**

**+\$23,849**

**Welding**

*Starting average salary for all industries:*

*\$18-\$20/hour or \$35,000-\$40,000 annual salary*

### Quality of life enhancements for graduates\*



**85%** are satisfied  
with job stability



**72%** are satisfied  
with their pay



**77%** have paid  
vacation



**74%** have employer-paid  
medical insurance

*\*FastForward graduates*

*"Through the help of PVCC and its instructors, I was able to accelerate my knowledge of electrical, HVAC, and construction basics. I really appreciate everything I was taught and use these skills every day in the field."*

*– Dustin Edmunds, FastForward Graduate, Electrician*

*"I have seen and experienced many important events throughout my career, but none more important than the reason we're here today. The teachings of this program show students what to expect on any given day on a demanding job site."*

*– T.J. Rodgers, Vice President, Heavy Construction Contractors Association*

For information about connecting your business or workforce programs to VIA, funding this program, or if you're a student interested in enrolling in a VIA training, visit [vccs.edu/via](https://vccs.edu/via).