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Century Team Ready to Help Jobseekers, Career Changers

Jobless individuals searching for their next step in life can receive help from the Century College WorkForce Response Team.

Members of the WorkForce Response Team will help people analyze their options as they decide what employment path to pursue. Team members include Jill Aitchison, the college's Adult Learner Advocate; Bridgett Backman, the Century College Continuing Education and Customized Training contact person who connects with WorkForce Centers, and Jane Nicholson, the Academic Affairs contact who is working on new credit program development to prepare students for future jobs.

In addition to jobseekers, the WorkForce Response Team also can help businesses and community organizations that are dealing with the changing economy, and the soon-to-be jobless who are seeking new skills or retraining.

The team's activities include collaborating with the North St. Paul WorkForce Center to offer "creative job search" two-day seminars at Century, conducting half-day "interview skills" workshops at the North St. Paul WorkForce Center, visiting area work force centers to inform people about Century offerings, attending education and job fairs, and serving on the Century Innovations Council to explore and establish educational programs such as the new Solar Assessor Certificate and the Energy Technical Specialist degree.

In addition, the team has helped set up a First-Year Experience group for adult learners and those in job transition. "Adult students really get to know each other at Century, and they find this both comforting and enjoyable," said Aitchison, who serves as the initial point of contact for people who may need direction, accurate information and referral.

[Aitchison](#) can be reached at 651-779-3437. She is available to assist adult learners, dislocated workers and persons in job transition. Both current and potential students can explore education and training options, funding options, work/school transition issues and WorkForce Center connections.

An adult learner networking group is available for current Century students who want to connect with other adult learners. This group meets twice a month on Wednesday evenings.



Photo: Century's Jill Aitchison, Jane Nicholson and Bridgett Backman