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Yolo County Expanding Opportunities for Free Online Training and Certifications for Job Seekers

(Woodland, CA) – Yolo County is helping job seekers and workers counter the impacts of COVID-19 by providing free access to Metrix Learning, an online training platform aimed to help with job training and job certifications. Metrix Learning offers more than 5,000 courses as a pathway to over 180 industry certificates, giving County residents a flexible and helpful way to improve skills, earn industry certificates, launch into new careers or jump into new career opportunities.

The Metrix Learning program is being offered through SkillUp Yolo County, an initiative led by the Yolo County Workforce Innovation (WIB) to encourage local residents to take advantage of opportunities to develop new skills to help their chances to improve their employment situation amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Metrix Learning allows participants to learn at their own pace, receive clear training milestones and achieve industry certificates upon completion through customized badges. Employers can identify potential candidates on the platform displaying new badges earned and can connect with them about new employment opportunities. The Metrix Learning program is a partnership between the WIB, Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and YoloWorks!

Popular courses in Metrix Learning include Project Management, Microsoft Word & Excel, HIPAA, Human Resources, Accounting, Food Industry Standards, Leadership and Team Building. Additionally, there are courses available in computer and IT fields such as Networking, CompTIA, Windows, Adobe and Information Security. Courses are also available in both Spanish and Mandarin Chinese.

Yolo County residents interested in Metrix Learning can register free of charge at <u>yoloworks.metrixlearning.com</u>. Job seekers interested in receiving career services, additional training or support in using Metrix Learning may contact the YoloWorks! at https://www.yoloworks.org, (530) 661-2641 or jobcenter@yolocounty.org. For additional information, interested individuals can contact HHSA Program Coordinator Erica Johnson at erica.johnson@yolocounty.org or (916) 375-6273.