



HCCB Success: Class Valedictorian, Radiology Career



Steve Mazner was laid off from ATA Airlines after they ceased operations in 2008. Steve was discouraged after losing his job as a flight attendant, “I felt lost and wasn’t sure what I wanted to do. The airline industry was my life for 15 years.” His pay was consistently cut to keep the airline in operation and he knew the airline industry was not the same as it used to be. Steve wanted to get into a different field of work, “I decided to go back to school and train for a job in health care.” Steve heard about our agency from his former union, The Association of Flight Attendants (AFA) and enrolled in our **Health Care Career Bridge** (HCCB) program in spring 2009.

The CFL Workers Assistance Committee’s HCCB program is funded by the **Chicago Department of Family and Support Services** and is one of the few bridge programs tailored specifically for laid-off workers interested in transitioning to a career in health care.

After completing the bridge program, Steve decided to pursue radiology training and received a training voucher to attend the Medical Radiologic Technology program at **Malcolm X College** in Chicago. Steve really appreciated the hard work of his case managers, “Judy Lai and Mara Suttman Lea were amazing. They kept in close contact with me throughout school to ensure I had everything I needed.” Steve graduated at the top of his class and was Malcolm X College’s valedictorian in spring 2011.

Sustainable Employment

Steve is currently working at Weiss Memorial Hospital making \$32 an hour as a Radiologic Technologist, in the registry department. When asked what the CFL Workers Assistance Committee means to him, Steve said, “education and help for training for a new career in a stable industry. I can now continue to grow and advance professionally and feel confident about my abilities.” Steve is continuing on with his education and is starting a B.S. program in Radiologic Science this fall and thanks our whole team for being an instrumental part of his success, “I love my new career and am very happy I had the resources of the CFL Workers Assistance Committee behind me the whole way.”

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Participant in the Health Care Career
Bridge Program.*

For more information about our next HCCB program orientation, call us at 312.565.9431 or complete our **contact form**.

New Computer Class and Skills Assessment Tool

The CFL Workers Assistance Committee launched its first **Introduction to Computers** course on August 8 at its newly designed Westchester computer lab. The four-week computer course is designed to help job seekers become more comfortable with using a computer and the Internet. During the first week, students receive an introduction to the use of computers. Week two provides a basic understanding of the Internet and practice navigating websites, particularly job search engines. **Introduction to Email** and **Email Etiquette** are covered during weeks three and four. **Prove It!** is an assessment tool used to evaluate the progress of students throughout the course. At the end, students walk away with the skills necessary to complete a self-directed online job search and the foundational computer skills required for most occupations today.

For more information about computer classes

please contact Katherine Layden at laydenk@cflwac.org or complete our [contact form](#).



Rosalie Rempert and Ronald Pentis attend the first Introduction to Computers course instructed by CFL Workers Assistance Committee's Program Manager, Eileen Vesey.

CFL WORKERS ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE RECEIVES \$1 MILLION ETIP GRANT

The **Employer Training Investment Program** (ETIP) supports Illinois employers' efforts to upgrade the skills of their workers in order to remain competitive. CFL Workers Assistance Committee received a new ETIP grant from the **Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity** for \$1 million. This grant covers eligible training activities completed between 7/1/10 and 12/31/11. Qualified training can be conducted by external vendors or qualified internal (employee of the company) trainers.

For more information about eligible ETIP training activities and costs contact John Bradarich at Bradarichj@cflwac.org or complete our [contact form](#).

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