

If you are looking for a career in Biotechnology the training below may be of interest to you.

1. Organization providing the training:

Maryland Cannabis Administration

2. Physical location training occurs:

This program consists of a virtual course and in-person occupational training that will be offered at Howard Community College and Anne Arundel Community College. Details for the location will be given to the participant closer to the date of the selected training.

3. Description of the training offered:

This workforce development program was designed for individuals looking for a career in Maryland's cannabis industry. It includes a 8-week self-paced virtual course requiring a 6-hour time commitment per week, followed by a 16-hour in-person occupational training. The program prepares participants for roles in retail, processing, and cultivation. Completion of each module and evaluative component is required. Upon completion of the program, Responsible Vendor Training, Fingerprinting, and Badging Assistance are available to participants who have received their certificate of completion and are actively applying for jobs in the industry. The virtual course covers:

- Week 1: Exploring Cannabis Careers
- Week 2: Cannabis Dispensary Basics
- Week 3: Cannabis Processing Basics
- Week 4: Cannabis Cultivation Basics
- Week 5: Cannabis & the Human Body
- Week 6: Cannabis Entrepreneurship
- Week 7: Ancillary Cannabis Businesses
- Week 8: Occupational Safety

4. Trainees have the opportunity to earn the following industry-recognized certifications:

A certificate of completion is given to participants who have completed both the virtual and in-person trainings.

5. Am I eligible?

To be eligible for the program participants must be a Maryland resident, commit to fully completing all online coursework provided, commit to attending an in-person training session, and be 21 years or older.

6. What is the application process?

You can access the application through the Maryland Cannabis Administration website (<https://cannabis.maryland.gov/Pages/Workforce-Development-Program-II.aspx>) by clicking the "Apply Now" button, which will take you directly to the application page. Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis.

7. How much can I expect to earn if I complete this program and obtain employment?

The average salary for someone who is looking to enter into the cannabis industry depends on the part of the industry you enter. The starting salary is around \$16/hr as a budtender.

8. How much do I have to pay for this program?

This program is free of charge.

9. Where can I find more information about this program?

To learn more about our program you can visit our page on the Maryland Cannabis Administration website. The link to our page is: <https://cannabis.maryland.gov/Pages/Workforce-Development-Program-II.aspx>