

Labor shortages have been felt throughout the Kansas oil and natural gas industry for some time. These shortages have stretched across all disciplines in the oil and natural gas industry, but Kansas is particularly short on basic, entry-level positions. The supply of qualified and talented applicants continues to shrink. Selecting and retaining the best employees is becoming essential for the Kansas oil and natural gas industry.

In an effort to boost oil and natural gas industry employment and promote jobs and careers in the Kansas oil and natural gas industry, the North Central Kansas Technical College (NCK Tech) with the support of Berexco LLC, Kansas Independent Oil & Gas Association (KIOGA), and Kansas Strong, is pleased to announce the continuation of a certified program titled "**Introduction to the Oilfield.**"

This 8 week/56 hour class is designed for entry level oil and natural gas industry employment seekers who will gain first-hand insight into the Kansas oil and natural gas industry from field trips hosted by our members and supplemented by industry-designed online training. The curriculum provides students with the basic skills and knowledge for entry into the Kansas oil and natural gas industry.

The next class will run from January 23, 2015 through March 13, 2015. The following session will be held in Summer 2015 with the intention to offer the class three times a year. Upon successful completion of the course, students will receive 3 hours of college credit from NCK Tech and industry certification from KIOGA, both of which can be submitted for preferred hiring into entry-level oilfield employment.

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