

To:Institutions of Higher EducationFrom:Office of the Secretary of Higher EducationDate:May 17, 2023Subject:Applications are open for the Wind Turbine Technician Training Program

Rowan College of South Jersey opened up applications for its upcoming training program, **Wind Power Ready: Atlantic City**. The Wind Power Ready program was developed in partnership with <u>Ørsted</u> and the Center for Family Services, with financial support from the Wind Institute for Innovation and Training. This full-time paid training program (\$15 per hour) lasts 22 weeks and will support students in getting ready to join the industry by gaining practical skills and developing the capabilities needed to become an offshore wind technician.

Ørsted has the goal of hiring 40% of their incoming turbine technicians from the Wind Power Ready Program. Ørsted technicians are paid \$65,000 per year plus benefits.

New Jersey has a huge target for building offshore wind farms, and this is the opportunity for students to jump into this high-paying and rewarding career. With this certificate on a student's resume, they will have the backing needed to be recruited to work on the operations and maintenance of <u>New Jersey's first offshore wind farm</u> or the many others under construction along the East Coast.

The program will run approximately from July 31, 2023 to December 22, 2023, and **the deadline to apply is June 5, 2023**.

More information can be found at <u>https://rcsj.edu/WindTurbine</u>.