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Photo caption: The deadline to sign up for this course is Friday, March 6, 2026. Connect with us today.

Southern State Announces 5-Week Fiber Optic Course

Southern State Community College will hold a 5-week Fiber Optic course, designed for individuals of all skill levels, that will equip students with the essential skills needed to pursue a career in the rapidly growing field of fiber optics.

The course will begin on Tuesday, March 17, and will be offered at the College's Central Campus, 100 Hobart Drive in Hillsboro. The complete schedule includes the following:

- **Duration:** 5 weeks
- **Days:** Tuesdays, Wednesdays (online only), and Thursdays
- **Time:** 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
- **Total Sessions:** 15 classes (30 hours in-person, 10 hours online)
- **Start Date:** Tuesday, March 17, 2026
- **End Date:** Thursday, April 16, 2026
- **Program Cost:** \$850 and includes study materials, exams, and a 1-year membership to the FOA; Funding support is limited, but available to those who qualify. *Payment must be made in advance as registration is NOT complete until payment is made*

Students enrolled will be introduced to basic fiber optic industry standards. Students will learn how to identify fiber types, recognize various connectors used in fiber installation, and install, terminate, splice, and properly test installed fiber cable to existing standards. This program explores the history and future of fiber optics and fiber optics capabilities, and basic testing and troubleshooting.

Fiber Optic Training combines theory and 85% hands-on activities to prepare the student to take the CFOT (Certified Fiber Optic Technician) test, which is sanctioned by the FOA (Fiber Optics Association) and will be given and graded on the final class day.

Instructing the course is Todd Guden, a Southern State Community College Alumnus from the Computer Science department.

The deadline to register is Friday, March 6, 2026.

Students can register online at <https://www.sscc.edu/academics/short-term-training/fiber-optic-technician-training.shtml> or call Amanda Lewis at 937.393.3431, Ext. 3520 to register and make payment by phone.

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