
Southern State Announces 5-Week Fiber Optic Course to Begin in May

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, May 19, 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/Time:** Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 5-7 p.m. and Thursdays from 6-8 p.m.
- **Total Sessions:** 15 classes (40 hours in-person)
- **Start Date:** Tuesday, May 19, 2026
- **End Date:** Thursday, June 18, 2026

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.

Those interested in becoming a Certified Fiber Optics Technician should attend this class. The course fee of \$850 includes study materials, exams, and a 1-year membership to the FOA. Funding support is limited, but available to those who qualify.

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

The deadline to register is Friday, May 15, 2026.

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

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