

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Workforce Development Resources

Owatonna's exceptional workforce development resources help local companies and employees stay competitive in a national and global marketplace.

Owatonna College & University Center

This shared, state-of-the-art campus provides certification, degree programs and customized training through five Accredited institutions: **507-455-5880**

- Riverland Community College
- Concordia University – St. Paul
- Crown College
- Minnesota State University – Mankato
- South Central College

Professional Intercollegiate Education Center (PIECE)

-Coordinated at the Owatonna Hospital

Gainey Conference Center

The University of St. Thomas' corporate meeting and retreat center can accommodate groups of 10-70 for retreats, mid-day conferences, or day-long meetings. www.stthomas.edu/gainey **507-446-4460**

Business & Professional Organizations

Owatonna's professional associations provide forums for employee interaction and growth. Active local chapters include:

- American Production Inventory Control Society (APICS)
- American Quality Society (AQS)
- Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME)
- Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM)
- Steele County Safety Council
- Owatonna Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism (OACCT)

Minnesota Job Skills Partnership Program

This state-wide program awards training grants of up to \$400,000 to local educational institutions and partnering businesses. The grant can be used to train employees in new or existing jobs. www.positivelyminnesota.com



Workforce Recruitment

Owatonna offers growing companies a strong available workforce. It also attracts skilled employees from five neighboring counties and metro areas within commuting distance – including Minneapolis/St. Paul, Rochester and Mankato.

Recruiting Resources

Employers rely on local Temp/Placement firms to access available workers. They also take advantage of several not-for-profit resources:

- Placement Office – Owatonna College & University Center www.riverland.edu **507-433-0374**
- Minnesota Workforce Center – www.positivelyminnesota.com **507-446-1470**
- Owatonna Peoples Press (employment ads) – www.owatonna.com **507-451-2840**
- Owatonna Public Schools – www.owatonna.k12.mn.us **507-444-8600**

