

# Blue Ridge Community College

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Early Registration for Fall Semester continues through Thursday. Final Registration will be held on Tuesday, August 17 and classes begin on August 18. For more information about Early Registration, contact Student Services at (828) 694-1800. Complete course schedules are available at [www.blueridge.edu](http://www.blueridge.edu) under Prospective Students.

The Small Business Center at Blue Ridge Community College will present a course this fall that will prepare students for the Business and Project Management section of the General Contractor's licensing exam and will greatly enhance a license candidate's ability to successfully complete license testing in the future. This course will also provide existing contractors with valuable information regarding doing business in North Carolina, including but not limited to contracts, labor regulations, taxes, liens, insurance, bonding, unemployment compensation, workers' compensation, environmental and safety considerations, and more. The class will be held on Tuesday & Thursday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Henderson County Campus. Class begins August 24 and runs through October 5. The cost is \$65. Another course offered by the Small Business Center is Escort Vehicle Operator. This course will be offered on six different dates and will satisfy the requirements set by the North Carolina Department of Transportation for certification and recertification of oversize-overweight load escort vehicle drivers. The courses consist of defensive driving, escort driver requirements, updates, and an examination. To become certified as an Escort Vehicle Operator an 8-hour class is being offered on Monday & Tuesday evenings from 6 to 10 p.m. at a cost of \$65. Class dates are September 13-14, October 18-19, or December 13-14. A 4-hour class is required to become recertified as an Escort Vehicle Operator and is being offered on Monday evenings from 6 to 10 p.m. at a cost of \$65. Class dates are August 23, September 27, or November 8. The Small Business Center also offers business coaching on a regular basis. This free service provides confidential business advice for new and existing businesses. Our advisers' serve as sounding boards for ideas and will help you find solutions to your business questions. To learn more call Elaine Handville at (828) 694-1779 or e-mail [sbc@blueridge.edu](mailto:sbc@blueridge.edu).