

EPA webinar to highlight academic-water utility workforce pipelines

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Building a pipeline of professionals eager to join the water workforce is critical for creating the water workforce of the future, and academic institutions are critical to achieving this goal. In partnership with AMWA and other water groups, EPA will host the latest installment of its Creating the Water Workforce of the Future (<https://www.epa.gov/sustainable-water-infrastructure/water-sector-workforce-webinars>) series on August 24 from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. ET.

The webinar, The Role of Academic Institutions, will feature two institutions implementing essential programs. East Central University will discuss a new K-12 STEM-based program called Educational Program on Awareness, Sustainability, and Service for Water/Wastewater (EdPASS H2O) to educate and prepare students for apprenticeships and jobs in utilities. Grand Rapids Community College will describe a community-based program to educate and prepare students from disadvantaged communities for utility jobs in western Michigan.

Speakers include:

- Jessica Brumley, Assistant Professor, East Central University;
- Robin Roberson, Associate Professor and Assessment Coordinator, East Central University; and
- Julie Parks, Executive Director of Workforce Training, Grand Rapids Community College.

James Horne from EPA will moderate the discussion.

Registration (https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_psVYmbHyTWClwdsbRZRw-A) is free but required.

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