SPRINGFIELD

Beer brewing

Springfield Technical Community College on Nov. 3 will offer a workforce development training course to teach the science and technology of becoming a professional brewer.

The 108-hour professional brewing certificate program blends online course work with hands-on lab work at local breweries. The course runs for 11 weeks. Spaces are still available.

Seventy-five percent of the course work is completed online, which means the program offers flexibility for students who might live far from the STCC campus. Students must participate in field work in or around Springfield every fourth Saturday.

Course topics include the brewing process, quality control, beer styles, ingredients, recipe creation, safety, sanitation, bottling and business success.

Students must be at least 21 years of age at the start of the course and will have earned a high school diploma or

equivalence. Anyone interested can enroll online at stcc.edu/ brewcourse or in person at the college, Building 16, Room 146. Call 413-755-4225 for more information.