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Gateway Community and Technical College is offering another class on heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC).

Gateway will offer a 45-hour class to help technicians pass their journeyman and master's tests in HVAC. The class will meet from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. It starts Tuesday and runs through Oct. 10 at Gateway's Boone Campus on Mount Zion Road. Cost for the course is \$250.

Individuals taking the course come from a variety of backgrounds and do it for a number of reasons, said Ric Bowen, the HVAC department head at Gateway.

ADVERTISEMENT "I have some students that come from the area high schools and area technology centers. I also have some students that are already in the field and just want to learn more about it," Bowen said.

"I'm also getting a lot of students from the pre-training - the one-stop center out in Florence - where people whose jobs have been automated away or have left the area, they're offered retraining classes."

Gateway will also be offering several continuing education courses in September. These courses, "Heat Load Calculations," "High Efficiency Furnace" and "Sales and Estimating," will meet the 10-hour per year education requirement journeyman HVAC technicians are required to have. Manufacturers may also require additional certifications to sell and install their equipment and maintain a company's "factory authorized" status.

While having more HVAC professionals may help companies meet demand next year, this summer's heat a great tax on local HVAC companies.

"Typically HVAC service companies get overwhelmed when the first heat wave hits," said Tom Rehtin Jr. of Rehtin Heating and Air Conditioning. "This year we had a string of 80-degree days in April which put us way behind. In May was another spell where we hit the 90s and we booked out again. So it's not as busy now as it was in the late spring and early summer."

Rehtin noted that consumer education is also important to keeping cool, staying warm and lowering energy costs.

"We ran several calls for no cooling only to find a dirty system doing all it can to keep up," he said. "By changing your filters regularly and performing routine maintenance you will extend the system's life and reduce the chance of a breakdown."

He also highlighted the fact that knowing what a system is capable of doing will assist consumers.

"When we have extreme heat with the heat index over 100, don't expect your system to maintain 70 degrees inside. A 20-degree drop from the outside temperature is all you can realistically expect."

To find out more about Gateway's HVAC classes, visit www.kctcs.edu.

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