



**News release**

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**Gateway to hold series of free workshops  
to provide skills to mentors**

Gateway Technical College is holding a series of workshops focused on the importance of mentors in today's workplace. Organizational psychologist and leadership coach Liz Oplatka and Gateway instructor Albe Heinen are leading the sessions.

Workshops will address the need for – and merits of – mentoring, along with strategies for becoming a strong mentor. Workplace mentoring programs are shown to strengthen companies by helping create cultures where employees are engaged, increasing employee productivity and creating a welcoming and productive work culture. Workshops are free.

**Session 1: Psychological Safety in the Workplace**, 9 a.m. to noon,  
April 4

Participants will learn how to build their skills in creating environments where employees have good reason to feel included, trusted, relied upon and

wanted – environments where employees have no fear of being judged, demeaned or dismissed.

**Session 2: Communication for Mentors, 9 a.m. to noon, April 11**

This session explores ways to assess and use effective communication skills in order to more effectively mentor and encourage employees.

**Session 3: Leadership for Mentors, 9 a.m. to noon, April 18**

This final session will show participants how to leverage leadership skills to encourage and retain employees and increase the chances for new employee success.

All workshops are free and will be delivered by Zoom. Register for one, two or all three sessions. To register, go to [www.gtc.edu/BWS-mentoring](http://www.gtc.edu/BWS-mentoring).

Questions? Contact Nicci Pagan, Gateway’s apprenticeship coordinator, at [paganj@gtc.edu](mailto:paganj@gtc.edu), (262) 564-2952.

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