

Class schedule

Choose one session of five classes.

All classes meet 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Tuition: \$99*

Classes are limited to 20 participants.

- **SESSION 1 - 2025**
September 8, 10, 12, 15, 17
- **SESSION 2 - 2025**
November 3, 5, 7, 10, 12
- **SESSION 3 - 2026**
January 12, 14, 16, 21, 22
- **SESSION 4 - 2026**
March 2, 4, 6, 9, 11
- **SESSION 5 - 2026**
April 13, 15, 17, 20, 22
- **SESSION 6 - 2026**
June 1, 3, 5, 8, 10

To register or for more information call 301-255-4215 or 703-425-0999, visit accessjca.org/career-gateway/ or email Career.Gateway@AccessJCA.org.

*Scholarships are available for those who qualify.

"The program was rich beyond measure. Your energy, dedication, and organizational excellence shone through in every class."



Jewish Council for the Aging®

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The Jewish Council for the Aging's mission is to provide programs and services to support older adults and their families and to build bridges across generations.

JCA empowers independence through employment and transportation programs. Senior HelpLine offers resources to families seeking information and support around aging. The Samuel J. Gortlitz Kensington Clubs give hope and support to people facing a diagnosis of early-stage memory loss and their care partners. SHIP (State Health Insurance Assistance Program) provides guidance on navigating Medicare and Medicaid. The Heyman Interages® Center builds bridges across generations by connecting older adults with K-12 students.

JCA serves people of all faiths, races, ethnicities, and income levels.

JCA's policies can be found at accessjca.org

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RETURN TO WORK WITH Career Gateway

The
job
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2025-2026



Career Gateway, JCA's award-winning job search training program, helps professionals aged 50 and over through intensive skills training and mentors who provide jobseekers with individualized support.

We know the challenges

- Sending resumes but not getting responses
- Feeling overwhelmed by job search sites and online application portals
- Uncertainty about how to market yourself

Career Gateway is here with support that understands your journey. Whether you are looking to return to work after being out of the job market for a time, making a career transition, or looking for work following a layoff or termination, we can give you the tools to thrive and get the job you want.

Workshops features

- Individual attention and small classes
- A long-term mentor
- Tips for creating or improving your LinkedIn profile
- Employment-related tech training (optional)



You will learn how to:

- **Enhance your resume** using words and formats that grab employers' attention
- **Hone your interviewing skills** to make a dynamic first impression in person, virtually, or by telephone and answer tough questions with ease
- **Network effectively** using a 30-second "elevator pitch" and a "2-minute drill" to establish contacts in person and online
- **Develop a personal job search plan** and manage your job search campaign with easy-to-use forms
- **Enhance your social networking skills**
- **Use LinkedIn**, other social media platforms, and Artificial Intelligence (AI) to turbocharge your job search
- **Handle gaps in your work experience** and address age or compensation issues
- **Sustain job search momentum** in the face of rejection
- **Select and give reference names** to potential employers
- **Write effective cover letters** and follow-up correspondence
- **Make contacts with recruiters**
- **Negotiate job offers** and choose among multiple offers

The course also includes an overview of the state of the job market, with particular attention to challenges facing experienced workers.

Workshop Facilitator



Dr. Elisse Wright Barnes, JD, PhD, is the facilitator for the Career Gateway program and offers LinkedIn training as part of the CareerTech program. Dr. Barnes is an accomplished LinkedIn trainer, communications strategist, and workforce educator, teaching age 50+ jobseekers how to harness the power of LinkedIn for job searches, career transitions, encore entrepreneurship, and nonprofit leadership. She is the Owner, CEO, and Lead Trainer at Of A Certain Vintage Workforce Education, LLC.

Dr. Barnes is a graduate of the Senior Leadership Montgomery program, Yale College, Stanford Law School, and the Ohio State University, and is a member of the International Association of Workforce Professionals and the National Association of Workforce Development Professionals.

"I am a jobseeker over 50; returning after a career break, and to a job market that bears little resemblance to the one I navigated last time I was employed professionally. JCA's Career Gateway was a lifeline!"