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Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano announced the Yonkers Workforce Development Board is providing Westchester County residents free access to online career courses via Metrix E-Learning System through its “Skill Up Yonkers” initiative.

City of Yonkers Offers Free Online Career Courses During Coronavirus Outbreak

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Starting immediately, residents can upgrade their skills set as many residents are in need of jobs as a result of the coronavirus outbreak.

“As COVID-19 precautionary measures include encouraging residents stay at home as much as possible, Metrix provides residents with an invaluable opportunity to make productive use of their time by learn-

ing skills that employers value,” said Mayor Spano.

“I encourage those who are looking to sharpen their skills and jump back into the workforce once the pandemic subsides to take these courses.”

Residents can complete online classes, explore career pathways and prepare for industry-recognized certifications to upgrade existing skills or learn new skills, whether an individual is looking for a first job, a new job, or to advance in their chosen field.

“Skill Up Yonkers” also provides Westchester County residents free access to the nationally recognized SkillSoft courses. The access will be valid for six months or 180 days and residents can complete as many courses as they would like.

The Metrix E-learning system has a catalog of over 5,500 courses that include topics such as: business, information technology, manufacturing, customer service, retail, finance, and

much more.

The “Prove It” feature in Metrix offers assessments which can be used by job seekers to evaluate and document knowledge and skills in a given area.

The Metrix System is accessible around the clock to anyone with internet access. People can work at their own pace through a variety of courses that teach both technical and soft skills; and users receive a personalized training plan.

Residents who previously signed up for a free account have earned certificates and digital badges in areas such as Project Management, Microsoft Word & Excel, HIPAA, Human Resources, Accounting, Food Industry Standards, Leadership and Team Building.

Certificates were also earned in computer and IT fields such as Networking, CompTIA, Windows, Adobe and Information Security.