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Work-based or “on-the-job” learning through apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship programs benefits learners from all education and socioeconomic levels and put them on a fast track to high-wage, nationally portable careers.

In this episode of “Ready for Work,” we talk to leaders in postsecondary education and business about the use of work-based learning programs at the community level and the personal and economic results that can be gained from creating such programs. Among the topics:

- How work-based learning and apprenticeship enhance other training methods
- How apprenticeships help learners who have not previously been successful in traditional education
- The effectiveness and return on investment for apprenticeship programs
- How these initiatives are typically funded
- What it takes to launch a successful initiative
- How apprenticeship programs can leverage national certifications to improve outcomes
- The future of apprenticeship models and what it will take to support them
- Why industry partner engagement is crucial to initiative success
- And more!



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