

STARTING A BUSINESS WORKSHOP FASTTRAC® NEW VENTURE

Participants of the **Starting A Business Workshop** are connected with a consultant from the Small Business Development Center (SBDC). While 65% - 80% of all business start-ups fail within first five years of business, 80% of SBDC long-term business clients are still in-business after five years.

COMMENTS FROM PAST PARTICIPANTS IN THIS PROGRAM:

"The FastTrac program was an incredible experience for me. Coming into a class of 10-12 people who never knew each other prior to getting together, we became a dynamic group proving that networking is what it is all about. There were times when our instructor had to reel us in so he could get the entire lesson plan taught to us. Since the completion of the course, the camaraderie of the team has continued on with us meeting every other Friday to network. The class itself was amazing in how it worked students through a complete business plan allowing many of us to see our dreams come to fruition. A big thanks to SCSU's program, the Small Business Center and the Workforce Center for making it all happen for me. "

"The class was just the start of experiences that will continue as I refer back to the information given to me as my company grows."

"The guest speakers were very helpful. Each one did such an excellent job in presenting the topic of their expertise. My favorite was the woman that owned the feed business. She was inspiring!"

"The program showed us what we needed to take into account when making our decision as to whether our business was needed in the community."

"Our facilitator was great! His practical experience and caring nature helped us all to make it through."

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