



PROFILE OF A GA CATT APPRENTICE Dustin Hewell with Verescence

Eager to begin his career in a technical field, Dustin Hewell made the decision to start his apprenticeship in the summer of 2019. Dustin is from Covington, Georgia, attended East Side high school in his hometown and was enrolled at Georgia Piedmont Technical college for his three-year apprenticeship. After a few interviews and introductions, he took a position as a Technician with Verescence, a glass products manufacturer located in Covington. This spring, he plans on enrolling at the Georgia Institute of Technology to further his education as a technician.



Verescence Facility in Covington, GA

He found out about the GA CATT program from his counselor at the Newton Career Academy. **"Ms. Burke at the Newton career academy was the one who encouraged me to apply. She was very kind and a huge help every step of the way, no matter what questions I asked or challenges I encountered"**. While other students are graduating and deciding what they want to do with their careers, Dustin already has a few years of experience under his belt.

"The greatest advantage of being a GA CATT apprentice was that it gave me a head start in life and showed me what I did and didn't want."

Under the watchful eye of his mentor Anthony Lowen, Dustin learned about his role as a cold end technician at Verescence. **"He's always been really supportive with everything I do and he's a very good advisor. It was pivotal to have someone that I trust to talk to personally in the company."**



Dustin at work with Verescence, 2021

When asked if he has ever second-guessed his decision to pursue an apprenticeship as opposed to a more traditional college-route, Dustin responded: **"I never really wanted to go to college and didn't see a need until I got into the program. The learning experiences and knowledge I've gained would not have been possible without GACATT, so I'm extremely grateful for my acceptance into the program."**

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