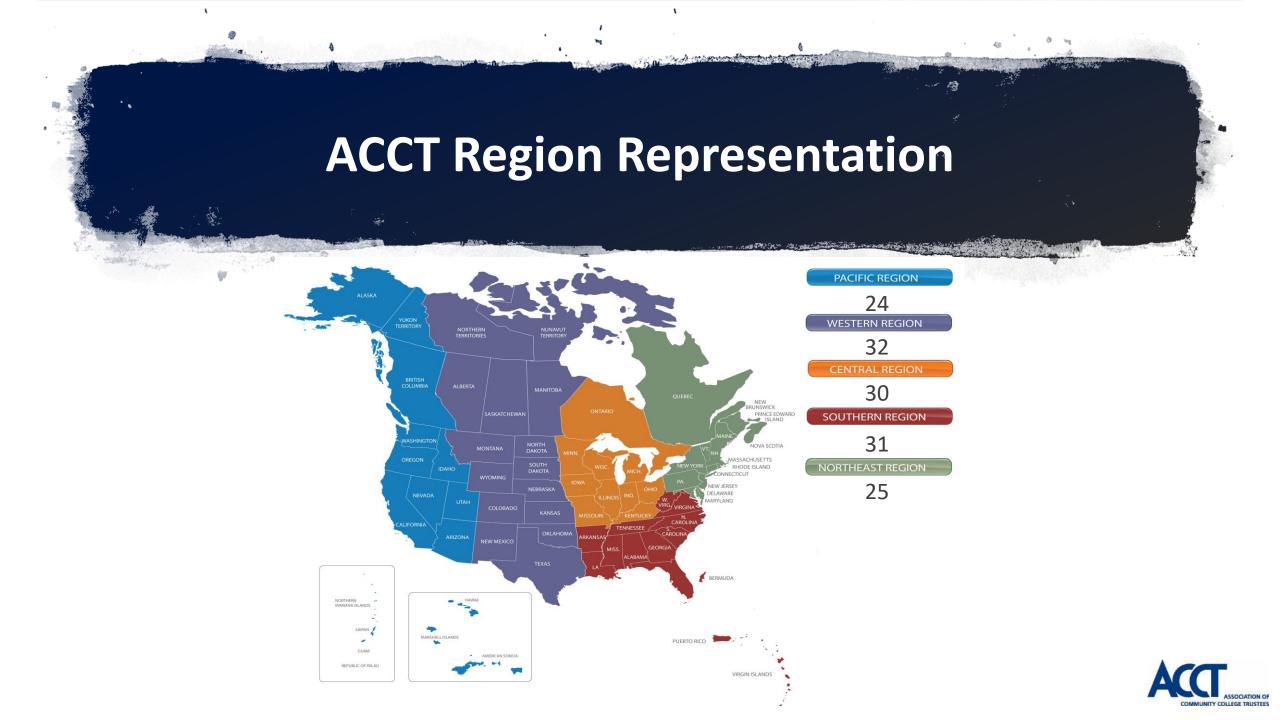
Strengthening Rural Community Colleges: Applying for USDOL Grants

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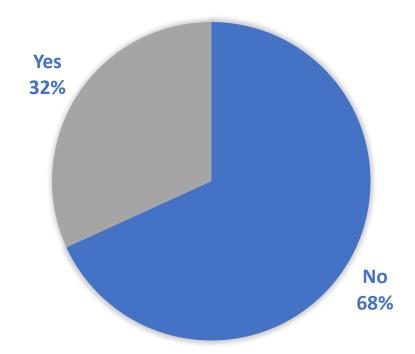


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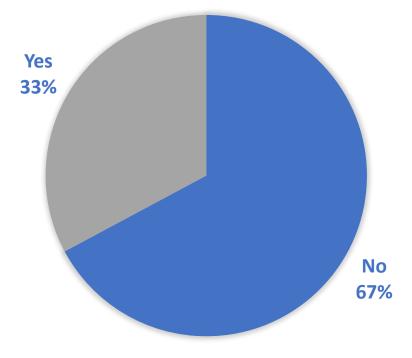


Registration Question Results

APPLIED FOR A USDOL GRANT



PART OF IMPLEMENTING USDOL GRANT







Rural Community College Peer Learning Network

- The Rural Peer Learning Network serves in conjunction with our monthly webinars and is an opportunity to learn directly from other rural community colleges. This is an opportunity for rural community colleges to learn how similar institutions operate while providing supportive resources to potentially utilize.
- Our next PLN will be on Tuesday, May 3
 where we will have rural community
 colleges share their experiences as USDOL
 grant recipients.
- Please <u>register to join the discussion</u>.





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US Department of Labor: Grants and Resources for Community Colleges

April 20, 2022

U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration



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Overview

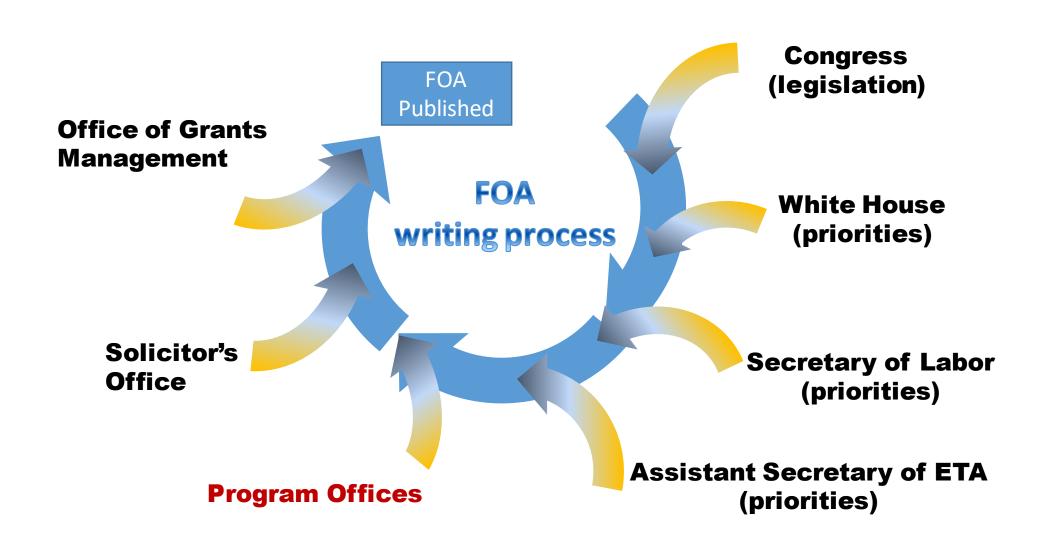
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How a Funding Opportunity Announcment (FOA) is Born

The Birth of a Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA)



Congress

- PY22 Budget:
 - Appropriated a third round of Strengthening Community Colleges (SCC) for \$50 million
- COMPETES Act
 - House version includes reauthorization of TAACCCT
 - Senate version does not
 - Going to conference
- Reauthorization of WIOA
 - House version includes a new section for SCC grants
 - Senate has not passed their version yet

Biden-Harris Administration Priorities

• Priorities include:

- partnerships between community colleges, businesses, unions, state, local, and tribal governments, workforce boards, universities, and high schools
- to identify in-demand skills needed at the community level
- to develop and modernize the kinds of local training programs that lead to high-demand industry-recognized credentials

• Examples:

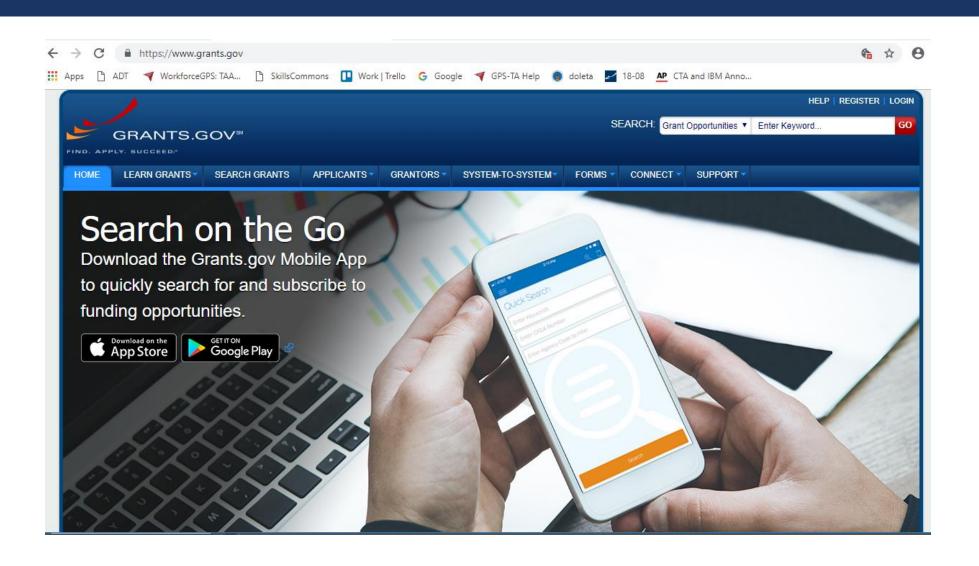
- Registered Apprenticeships, pre-apprenticeships, youth apprenticeships
- Community college capacity building and training grants
- Sector-based training programs that start with effective partnerships with IHEs, unions, employers, and workforce boards, and include wraparound services, high quality training

Biden-Harris Administration Priorities

- **1. Quality jobs:** Family-supporting jobs with a future, in critical and growing industry sectors; jobs created in the communities that need them the most.
- 2. Racial Equity: Prioritize combating the structural barriers to opportunity so all Americans have a fair shot to participate.
- 3. Partnerships Between Employers and Workers: Quality job training is about bringing together employers across a sector, engaging worker voice and forging close partnerships between labor and management. It's less about one-off courses and skills deficiencies of individual workers and more about building the bridge between people and good jobs.

ETA Grant Tips

ETA Grant Announcements: GRANTS.GOV



ETA Grant Tips

View information on Employment & Training Administration grants at: https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/grants

- Upcoming Funding Opportunities
- Competitive Grant Application Tips
- Standard Terms and Conditions
- Panelist/Reviewer Recruitment



The Office of Grants Management (OGM) provides accurate, timely, centralized grants management expertise to Employment and Training Administration (ETA) offices and stakeholders throughout the grants life cycle.

Through delegated Grant Officer authorities, OGM delivers centralized grants administration and policy expertises support pre-award, award, period of performance, audit resolution and closeout of federal assistance awards make ETA.

More ETA Grant Tips

View tips on grant application and management at: https://grantsapplicationandmanagement.workforcegps.org/

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Related Content

- Grant Applications 101: An Overview of the Application Process
- Guide to State & Local Workforce Data
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- America's Service Locator
- Catalogue of Workforce Information Sources

Background & Information

The U.S. Department of Labor's (DOL) Employment and Training Administration (ETA) is charged with contributing to the more efficient functioning of the U.S. labor market. ETA meets this goal by providing employment services, labor market information, job training, and income maintenance services.

Most of ETA's funding is distributed to state and local workforce development agencies by statutory or regulatory formula that is not open for competition. However, ETA also awards a significant portion of funding through competitive grants to support a variety of priorities in employment and training programming and services. These opportunities are announced through formal Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOAs), formerly SGAs, which are published in the Federal Register, on ETA's Grants and Contracts Web site, and on the Grants, gov Web site.

ETA is committed to ensuring that as many entities as possible - in particular, smaller entities such as community-based and faith-based groups, as well as those entities that have not previously managed Federal grant programs - are aware of competitive grant application opportunities. ETA does not encourage the submission of concept papers, abstracts, or other unsolicited proposals, as all discretionary grant opportunities to date are conducted through a competitive process. Recognizing that smaller community organizations and entities that are "new" to the Federal grant-making process may be unfamiliar with ETA FOAs and with ETA's process for evaluating grant applications, ETA has developed several tools to help new organizations craft competitive applications. This Web site is a central clearinghouse for these tools, and will be updated with additional tools as they are published.

Grants at USDOL for Community Colleges

Competitive Grants

- Apprenticeship Grants and Contracts
 - https://www.apprenticeship.gov/investments-tax-creditsand-tuition-support
- Strengthening Community Colleges
- H-1B Skills Training Grants
- YouthBuild
- Reentry Projects
- Job Corps Demonstration Projects

Apprenticeship.gov Overview







Jump start your future, hone your craft, learn from the pros, and build your career through apprenticeship.

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Create your future workforce, improve productivity, and reduce turn-over with a highquality apprenticeship program.

ENGAGE EMPLOYERS AND STUDENTS
I'M AN EDUCATOR



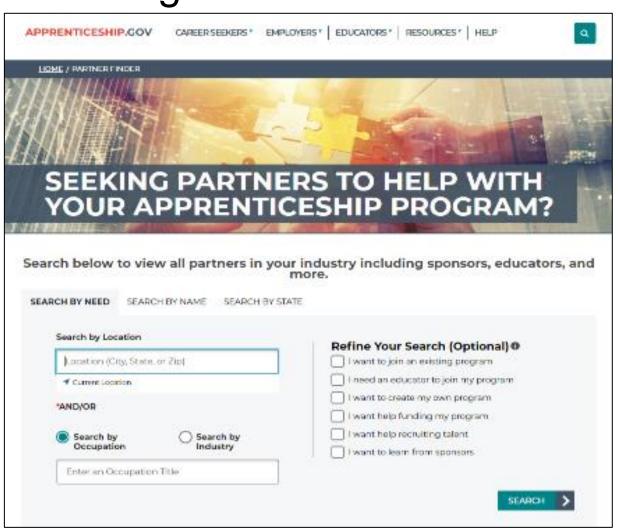
Introduce a fast-track path to student employment in highdemand careers.

- ➤ The U.S. Department of Labor launched Apprenticeship.gov in 2018 as the one-stop source for all things apprenticeship.
- The site is designed to connect career seekers, employers, sponsors, educators, and training providers to the resources and tools they need to learn about apprenticeship and takeaction finding an apprenticeship, starting an apprenticeship program, or becoming a participating training provider.

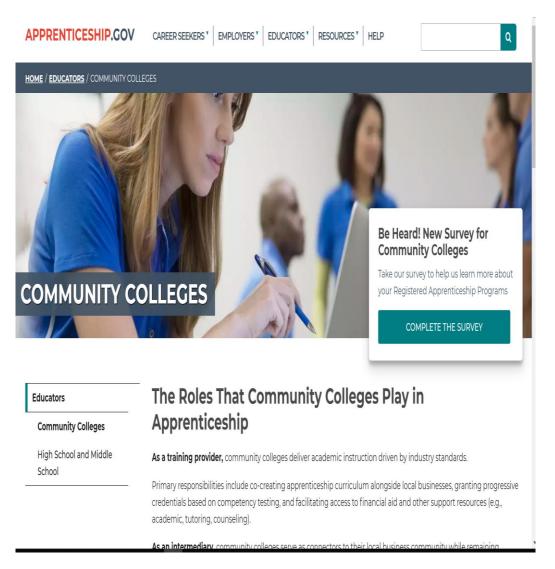
Apprenticeship.gov: Find Apprenticeship Partners In Your Industry and Region

Our **Partner Finder** can connect you with the right partners to help you design, develop, or enhance your program.

www.apprenticeship.gov/partner-finder



Apprenticeship.gov Resources: Community Colleges



Community College Success Stories

Discover how local community colleges are working with regional and local industry, improving transitions for K-12 students, and forging partnerships across their state to be successful in apprenticeship.



Expand Employer Base

Learn how Harper College expanded on their apprenticeship program footprint

VIEW CASE STUDY



Effective Partnerships

Understand how Macomb Community College developed partnerships

VIEW CASE STUDY



Diverse Talent

Learn about outreach strategies employed at Reynolds Community College

VIEW CASE STUDY

Virtual Apprenticeship Network (VAN) Toolkit

Developed by the American Association of Community Colleges, the VAN Toolkit provides community college-specific resources to:

- Assess the viability and demand for Registered Apprenticeships Programs (RAPs)
- Assist in the establishment of RAPs
- Build strategies to support the implementation and adaptation of RAPs
- Manage and expand RAPs once established

Virtual Apprenticeship Network (VAN) Toolkit

Strengthening Community Colleges (SCC) Training Grants – Round 1

- Award years: 2021-2025
- Total funding: \$40 million
- Number of grants: 11 (7 consortia, 4 single institutions)
- Length of grants: 4 years
- **Grant recipients:** Community colleges (lead applicant), in partnership with employers, workforce system partners, and other organizations.
- **Purpose:** Build the capacity of community colleges to collaborate with employers and the public workforce development system to meet local and regional labor market demand for a skilled workforce; and to address challenges associated with the COVID-19 health crisis, such as expanding online and technology-enabled learning and migrating services to a virtual environment.
- Evaluation component(s): Individual third-party (implementation) evaluations required.
- https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/skills-training-grants/scc

Strengthening Community Colleges (SCC) Training Grants – Round 2

- Timing: FOA published March 2, applications due June 2, 2022
- **Purpose**: Increase the capacity and responsiveness of community colleges to address identified equity gaps; and meet the skill development needs of employers in in-demand industries and career pathways, as well as the skill development needs of marginalized and underrepresented workers.
- Total funding: \$45 million will fund two parts of SCC2
 - ~\$40 million: SCC2 Program Grants
 - Up to \$5 million: Additional SCC2 Evaluation Funding
- **Grant recipients:** Community colleges (lead applicant) as single institution or part of consortium of institutions. Consortia must organize around a state focus, a regional labor market focus, or an affinity focus. SCC Partnerships must include employers and public workforce development system partners.
- **Priority Consideration**: Lead applicants that are Qualified Institutions: HBCUs, Tribal Colleges or Universities, other MSIs, or Strengthening Institutions Programs

https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=336701

H-1B Skills Training Grants

The <u>H-1B Skills Training Grant Program</u> funds projects that provide training and related activities to workers to assist them in gaining the skills and competencies needed to obtain or upgrade employment in high-growth industries or economic sectors.

The grants are financed by a user fee paid by employers to bring foreign workers into the United States under the H-1B nonimmigrant visa program.

Current grant programs include:

- Scaling Apprenticeship Through Sector-Based Strategies
- Apprenticeships: Closing the Skills Gap
- One Workforce
- Rural Healthcare

H-1B Rural Healthcare Grant Program

- **Purpose:** To increase the number of individuals training in healthcare occupations that directly impact patient care; and alleviate healthcare workforce shortages by creating sustainable employment and training programs in healthcare occupations (including behavioral and mental healthcare) serving rural populations.
- Award years: 2021-2025
- Total funding: \$40 million (\$1.2 to \$2.5 million per grant)
- Number of grants: 17
- Length of grants: 4 years
- **Grant recipients:** Healthcare employers/industry or occupation associations, nonprofit healthcare organizations affiliated with hospitals and other medical facilities, organizations designated as "Primary Care Associations" by Health Resources and Service Administration, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act State and Local workforce development boards, and Native American Program entities.

H-1B Scaling Apprenticeships Through Sector-Based Strategies (Scaling Apprenticeships or SA)

• Award years: 2019–2023

• Total funding: \$184 million

• Number of grants: 23

• **Length of grants:** 4 years

- Grant recipients: Public-private partnerships of community colleges (lead applicant), employers, and other organizations.
- **Purpose:** To promote the large-scale expansion of apprenticeships across the nation by supporting the training of thousands of apprentices in new or expanded programs in key industry sectors and by assisting partners in their efforts to create and scale the new or expanded apprenticeship programs
- Evaluation component(s): 1) Implementation; and 2) impact study (QED). Joint evaluation with H-1B Scaling Apprenticeship. In progress.

Other Examples

- YouthBuild https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/youth/youthbuild
 - Funding: Approximately \$90M annually, awards range from \$700,000 \$1.5 Million
 - Grant recipients: Educational institutions, including a local school board, public school district, or community college, and other organizations
 - FOAs typically released in Fall
- Job Corps https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/jobcorps
 - **Job Corps Scholars:** \$24M to 26 public colleges, including community colleges
- Reentry https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/reentry
 - Young Adult Reentry Partnership: \$25.5M and \$26.5M
 - Rounds 1 and 2: At least one community college to provide education/credentialing in locally high demand industries and occupations

Learning from Past Grants/ Consortia

TAACCCT National Evaluation: Rural Colleges

- Across the four rounds, about two-thirds (~66-70 percent) of grantee colleges targeted rural areas.
- Compared to urban and suburban colleges, greater percentages of rural colleges:
 - o **Program development**: Enhanced existing programs rather than developed new programs
 - o **Credentials**: Developed longer-term credentials, e.g., certificates of completion of 1+ year(s) and academic degrees
 - Accelerated learning strategies: Implemented credits for work experience and prior learning assessments
 - o College persistence: Restructured developmental education, as opposed to implemented contextualized learning
 - Employer-related strategies: Used simulations, in either physical/virtual setting, to promote connections to employment
- Rural colleges were *no more likely* than other colleges to:
 - Learning formats: Implement online or hybrid learning strategies, despite the potential of these strategies to address the geographic dispersion of participants, instructors, and employers
- Rural colleges were *less likely* than other colleges to:
 - Target populations: Engage in targeted recruitment of specific populations
 - o **Partnerships**: Partner with new organizations and enhance existing partnerships

Source: A Picture of the TAACCCT Grants: Special Topics Findings from the College Survey (December 2020)

Rural Colleges: Selected TAACCCT Innovations

Led by Missoula College-University of Montana, Montana HealthCARE (Creating Access to Rural Education) expanded the apprenticeship model to the healthcare industry, a first for the state. As of June 2018, HCMT had created 202 apprenticeships in 20 healthcare occupations with 53 employer sponsors; most sponsors were rural, frontier facilities and three served Native American communities on reservations. The computed tomography (CT) technologist apprenticeship, co-created with a rural critical access facility, was one of the few such programs in existence at the time.

Source: Final Report on HealthCARE Montana

To help students living in remote areas or engaged in seasonal activities (e.g., working on a fishing vessel) to complete coursework, **University of Alaska Southeast's** Fisheries Technology Pathway to Employment Project modularized the course content, loading all material (lectures, videos, readings, exams) onto waterproof iPads to be delivered asynchronously. UAS also deployed regional outreach coordinators to recruit rural residents and support the use of virtual student services for tutoring and advising.

Source: Synthesis of the Round 3 TAACCCT Third-Party Evaluation Findings

To address a worker shortage and lack of training in rural areas, the AME Alliance, led by **Central Lakes College** (MN), partnered with over 75 employers to develop a mediated telepresence model, which combined video conference lectures during the workday with at-home, online assignments, and allowed several employers to jointly enroll incumbent workers in training or a single employer to request a class to serve just their workers. To receive learning on-site, employers had to provide the classroom and video conference equipment; many also covered tuition, books, and employee wages for time spent in class.

Source: <u>Implementation of the Rounds 1</u> and 2 TAACCCT Grants

Being Part of a Consortia

Benefits

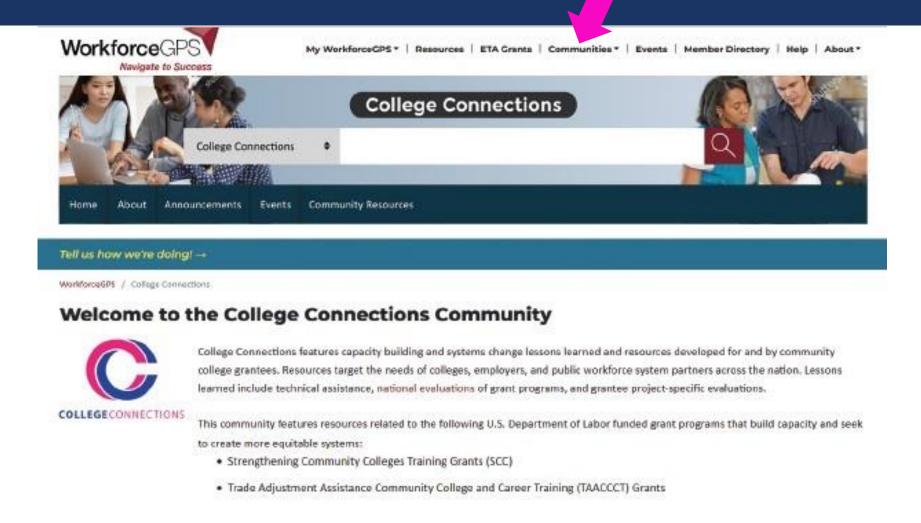
- Builds broad communities of learning and support
- Leverages resources and expertise
- Promotes collaboration and cooperation
- Elevates the potential for broad systems integration and change
- Provides an opportunity to engage in DOL programs without carrying the full workload
- Exposes less experienced institutions to models of grant management

Challenges

- Need for consortium management and project management
- Communication, communication
- Increased complexity
- Decreased implementation predictability

Tools and Resources

Technical Assistance Resources for Colleges



Become a member of WorkforceGPS and College Connection at https://www.workforcegps.org/



- Part of U.S. Department of Labor
- Non-regulatory
- Promotes policies and coordinates with employers and all levels of government to increase workplace success for people with disabilities
- Mission: To develop and influence policies that increase the number and quality of employment opportunities for people with disabilities
- dol.gov/agencies/odep







Technical Assistance Resources

- Center for Advancing Policy on Employment for Youth (CAPE- Youth) provides statefocused resources and free technical assistance to help states build capacity in their youth service delivery and workforce systems. capeyouth.org
- Employer Assistance and Resource Network on Disability Inclusion (EARN) is a free resource that helps employers recruit, hire, retain, and advance people with disabilities through dissemination, collaboration, and technical assistance. askearn.org
- **Job Accommodation Network (JAN)** provides free, expert and confidential guidance on workplace accommodations for workers, employers, and practitioners. askjan.org
- LEAD Center provides policy research and recommendations, training, and technical
 assistance to advance innovative employment outcomes and greater financial stability for
 Americans with disabilities. Leadcenter.org
- Partnership on Employment & Accessible Technology (PEAT) promotes the employment, retention, and career advancement of people with disabilities through the development, adoption, and promotion of accessible technology. Peatworks.org





CAPE - Youth Postsecondary Resources

Inclusive Apprenticeships Webpage

 Inclusive Community College Career Pathways Six-part blog series

 State responses for Students with Disabilities COVID-19 Scan





Workforce Recruitment Program

• A free recruitment and referral program, managed by the U.S. Departments of Labor and Defense, that connects federal employers to postsecondary students and recent graduates with disabilities.

 Schools can register to participate in the program each spring from April to June at <u>WRP.gov</u>.

 Schools may request to be on the mailing list by contacting wrp@dol.gov.





Tools and Resources from USDOL

My Next Move (<u>www.MyNextMove.org</u>) gives students three main ways to <u>explore careers</u>: (1) an online O*NET interest assessment; (2) an easy-to-read, one-page profile of each occupation highlighting important knowledge, skills, abilities, technologies used, simplified salary and outlook information; and (3) links to find specific training and employment opportunities. There is also a Spanish-language site called Mi Proximo Paso.

CareerOneStop (<u>www.CareerOneStop.org</u> includes tools to help job seekers with <u>job search</u> and training decisions, including how to: investigate salary and benefit information, research education and training opportunities, plan a job search and browse job sites, write and improve resumes and cover letters, prepare for a job interview, and search for jobs.

Competency Model Clearinghouse (<u>www.CareerOneStop.org/cmc</u> provides a <u>common framework of skill</u> sets and competencies essential to an industry. Used to support curriculum evaluation and planning, help find and develop skilled workers, support worker recruitment, assessment and training, identify area workforce skill gaps, and more.

Clearinghouse for Labor Evaluation and Research (CLEAR) (<u>www.clear.dol.gov</u>) seeks to make research on labor topics more accessible to practitioners, policymakers, researchers, and the public more broadly so that it can inform their decisions about labor policies and programs. CLEAR identifies and summarizes many types of research, including descriptive statistical studies and outcome analyses, implementation, and causal impact studies.

SkillsCommons (<u>www.skillscommons.org</u> is a free and open online library of workforce-related **Open Educational Resources** (**OER**) created by over 700 community colleges across the nation. The OER can be found, reused, revised, retained, redistributed and remixed by an individual, institution, and industry for FREE with the proper attribution to the original author of the resources.

















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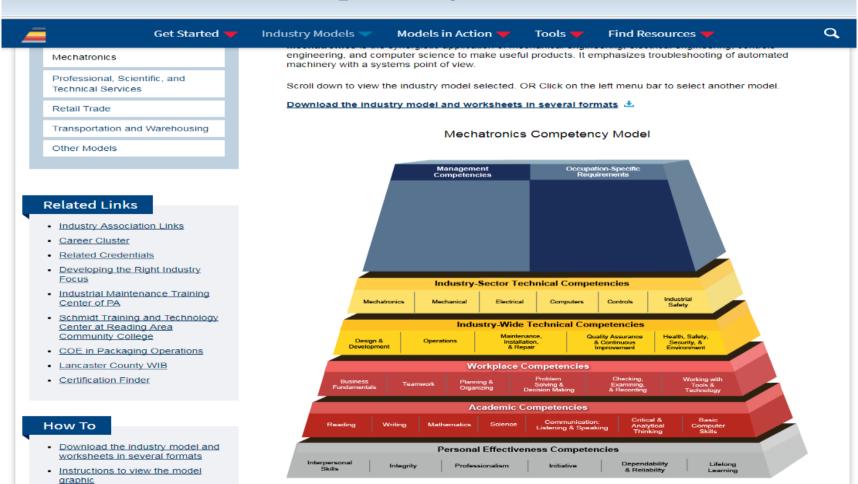


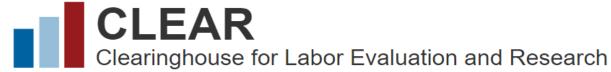
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Competency Models





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Evidence on the Effectiveness of the National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Program

Career Academies: Impacts on students' engagement and performance in high school (Kemple & Snipes 2000)

Evaluation of Worker Profiling and Reemployment Services systems: Final Report. (Dickinson et al. 1999)



Community College

The topic area focuses on community colleges, which are public, two-year postsecondary institutions. The studies in this topic area examine the effectiveness of community college policies and programs that are intended to improve academic persistence, degree/certificate completion, and labor market outcomes of community college students. The topic area currently focuses on linked learning communities, accelerated learning, and paid performance incentive programs. The topic area also focuses on community college bridge programs for students in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) and could later be expanded to include other types of community college programs.

Status: Literature reviewed in this topic area currently covers 1994 - 2015.

Recent Research

Icon Key

External Resources

Recently Added

CLEAR searches the existing literature for research relevant to this topic area's focus. Browse the most recently reviewed research below.



Improving student outcomes via comprehensive supports: Three-year outcomes from CUNY's Accelerated Study in Associate Programs (ASAP) (Kolenovic et al. 2013)

Study Type: Causal Impact Analysis

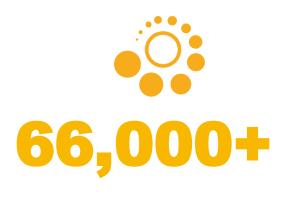
Causal Evidence Rating: Low Causal Evidence

The study's objective was to examine the impact of the Accelerated Study in Associate Programs (ASAP) conducted by the City University of New York (CUNY) on retention, credit accrual, transfer, and...

Open Educational Resources at SkillsCommons.org

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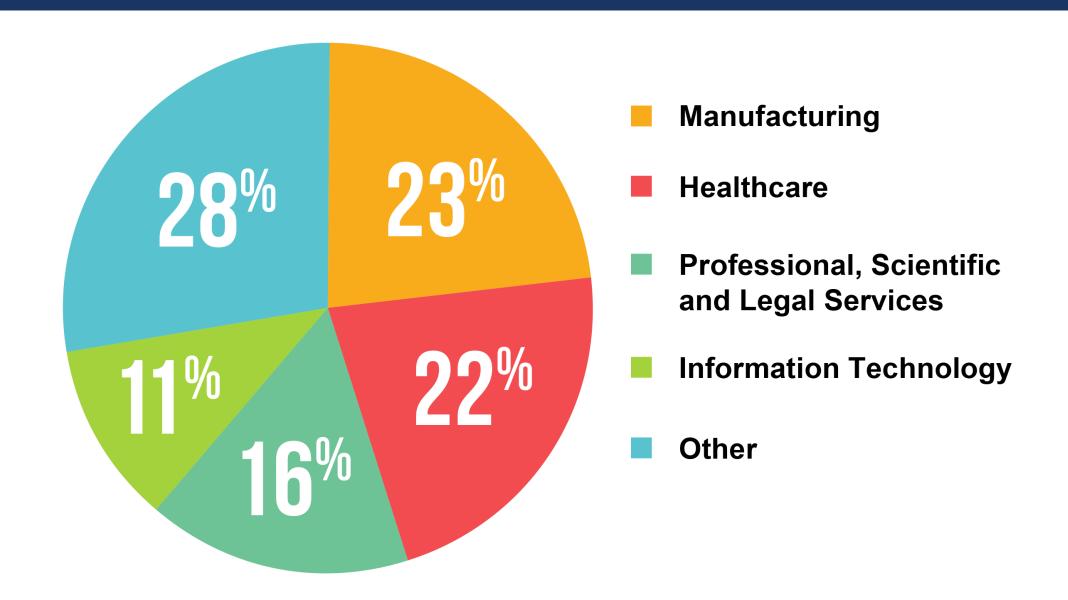


materials available for download

Data as of September 2019

CalState MERLOT received a cooperative agreement through Dec. 31, 2018 to create Skills Commons and continues to host the site. They are engaging others in leveraging and building on these resources.

SkillsCommons Resources are Industry-Aligned



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