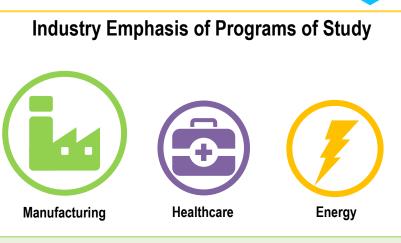


The U.S. Department of Labor's TAACCCT grant program was a major investment in building the capacity of community colleges. Grant funds were not used for tuition, but to create or enhance programs of study that lead to industry-recognized credentials, upgrade equipment, support student success toward completion, and more. TAACCCT supported colleges to better serve workers eligible for training under the TAA for Workers program, as well as a broad range of other adults. TAACCCT grant funding ended in 2018; its ongoing impact is documented in third-party evaluations.

Examples from Connecticut



To find free and open career and technical training resources produced by colleges using TAACCCT funds, visit <u>https://www.skillscommons.org/</u>.

Connecticut Example: The Connecticut Health and Life Sciences Career Initiative (HL-SCI) produced and shared over <u>200 learning resources</u> on nursing, veterinary medicine, radiology, and other health industry fields.

"The Connecticut Health and Life Sciences Career Initiative has had a transformative effect on the state's community colleges. First, the colleges have established 20 new industry-aligned certificate and associate's degree programs [and] updated and revised 48 existing programs to ensure that they teach the competencies demanded by the growing and increasingly complex health and life sciences area. In addition, 71 new online/hybrid courses corresponding to new areas, such as health information management, have been developed...[as well as] a new eLearning tool that offers tutorials in basic math and sciences, which are accessible 24/7 through an array of devices, including laptops, iPads and cell phones."

Lesley Mara, Senior Project Director, Norwalk Community College

"The Connecticut Advanced Manufacturing Initiative is a critically important program to support our region's economic growth potential. There is a strong demand for skilled workers in the sheet metal fabrication field through both growth occurring at Electric Boat and replacements associated with the attrition of an aging workforce. [Three River Community College's] ability to help meet this demand provides the region a tremendous tool for economic development."

John Beauregard, Executive Director, Eastern CT Workforce Investment Board

