The U.S. Department of Labor’s TAACCCT grant program is a major investment in building the capacity of community colleges. Grant funds are 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 supports colleges to better serve workers eligible for training under the TAA for Workers program, as well as a broad range of other adults.

Examples from Alaska

Industry Emphasis of Programs of Study

- Manufacturing
- Healthcare
- Agriculture

To find free and open career and technical training resources produced by colleges using TAACCCT funds, visit [https://www.skillscommons.org/](https://www.skillscommons.org/).

Alaska Example: The Beyond Anchorage: Expanding Developmental and Workforce Education consortium shared 39 course materials on writing, algebra, architecture, and distance education.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks, which leads the Preparing the Unemployed for the Mining Sector grant, has partnered with the Mineral Industry Research Lab to develop a dynamic, game-like Mill Process Simulator that will be the first of its kind in the world. This training tool, which aid in situational learning, will benefit not only students enrolled in the college’s new Mining Mill Operations Occupational Endorsement program (Also a first of its kind), but also incumbent mill operators seeking to enhance their skills.

To enable students living in remote locations or engaged in seasonal activities (such as working on a fishing vessel) to complete coursework, the University of Alaska Southeast’s Fisheries Technology Pathway to Employment Project is modularizing the course content and loading all material, including lectures, videos, readings, and even exams--onto waterproof iPads to be delivered asynchronously and independent of the internet.