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.

**Iowa**

**Total Funding:** $36,242,923  
**TAACCCT Grants:** 5

**Iowa Colleges**
- Des Moines Area Community College  
- Eastern Iowa Community College District  
- Hawkeye Community College  
- Indian Hills Community College  
- Iowa Central Community College  
- Iowa Lakes Community College  
- Iowa Valley Community College District  
- **Iowa Western Community College**  
- Kirkwood Community College  
- North Iowa Area Community College  
- **Northeast Iowa Community College**  
- Northwest Iowa Community College  
- Southeastern Community College  
- Southwestern Community College  
- Western Iowa Tech Community College  

**Examples from Iowa**

“The Pathways to Engineering Technology Careers program received significant and consistent support from its industry partners to be approved as a state-wide curriculum by the Iowa State Department of Education. Consequently, the agency developed a fast track approach to receive, review, and approve new technical curriculum. Whereas state curriculum review used to take a year, now it can be accomplished in [about] two months, subsequently enabling a very quick response to new, dynamic programs.”

Wayne Merrell, Assistant Director, Grants  
Eastern Iowa Community College District

The Iowa Advanced Manufacturing (I-AM) developed the ELEVATE Advanced Manufacturing campaign to encourage individuals to pursue education and employment in advanced manufacturing. While the grant has ended, the Iowa Association of Business and Industry is maintaining the campaign in partnership with I-AM, a collaboration that also is enabling the colleges to extend their impact into K-12 classrooms.

**Statewide Outcomes to Date**

- **Programs Launched**  
  - 83 programs
  - = 10 programs
  - 11,778 participants

- **Participants**  
  - = 1,000 participants

- **Credentials Earned**  
  - = 1,000 credentials
  - 5,420 credentials

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/).

**Iowa Example:** The Bridges2Healthcare consortium developed materials for a range of healthcare programs, including LPN, health informatics, and a math boot camp.