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.

The Community College Consortium for Bioscience Credentials (c³bc), led by Forsyth Technical Community College, developed or updated 12 bioscience certificates, one new associate’s degree credential, and more than 70 biosciences courses and related products; updated and revalidated Bioscience Laboratory Skill Standards and Biomanufacturing Skill standards; and developed Medical Device Skill Standards and Core Skill Standards for Bioscience Technicians. Gardner Carrick, Vice President, Strategic Initiatives, The Manufacturing Institute, National Association of Manufacturers, remarked: “These Core Bioscience Skill Standards and the associated assessments can help to improve the quality of teaching and learning at community colleges, providing our employers with highly qualified candidates who are ready to go to work and contribute to the success of our member companies.”

North Carolina Example: The North Carolina Advanced Manufacturing Alliance developed curricula and other learning resources for welding, machining, and advanced manufacturing industries, including developmental education materials.

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

Examples from North Carolina

Industry Emphasis of Programs of Study

- Information Technology
- Energy
- Manufacturing
- Healthcare

Statewide Outcomes to Date

23 programs

Programs Launched
- 10 programs

Participants
- 1,000 participants

Credentials Earned
- 1,000 credentials

17,101 participants

8,340 credentials