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.

**Rhode Island**

**Total Funding:** $10,912,484  
**TAACCCT Grants:** 4

**Community College Of Rhode Island:**
Round 1 Project: Pathways to Advance Career Education (PACE)  
Award: $3,405,023

Round 3 Project: Accelerated Pathways in Advanced Manufacturing (APAM)  
Award: $2,507,461

**New England Institute of Technology:**
Round 2 Project: Shipbuilding/ Marine and Advanced Manufacturing Institute (SAMI)  
Award: $2,500,000

Round 4 Project: Shipbuilding/ Marine and Advanced Manufacturing Institute (SAMI)  
Award: $2,500,000

**Examples from Rhode Island**

**Industry Emphasis of Programs of Study**

Manufacturing  
Information Technology  
Healthcare

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/).

**Rhode Island Example:** The Community College of Rhode Island’s PACE project developed and shared materials for Pace.2.Employment, a 60-hour workshop that helps unemployed or underemployed participants become workplace ready so that they can secure and better retain employment.

“I’m excited to celebrate the hiring of the 150th graduate of New England Tech’s Shipbuilding/Marine and Advanced Manufacturing Institute. Because of the substantial investments we’ve made in skills training, our partnership with New England Tech and the support of nearly 100 employers that have hired SAMI graduates, Rhode Island is positioned to lead a new industrial revolution in advanced industries.”

Richard J. Clancy, Governor of Rhode Island

“The TAACCCT grant funding has had a positive, and potentially long lasting effect on connecting the College to Governor’s Office Initiatives, the Workforce Investment Boards, the Office of Post-Secondary Commission, industry partners and the other State Colleges.”

Thomas Sabbagh, Program Director  
Community College of Rhode Island  
Pathways to Advance Career Education (PACE)  
Round 3

**Statewide Outcomes to Date**

- **Programs Launched:** 7 programs
  - = 5 program

- **Participants:** 2,557 participants  
  - = 500 participants

- **Credentials Earned:** 1,704 credentials  
  - = 500 credentials