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 Washington**

The Air Washington consortium established the Aerospace and Advanced Manufacturing Center of Excellence to convene industry and college partners and facilitate faculty-industry workgroups leading to a system of workforce training across the state. In addition to hiring program graduates, employers contributed extensive materials to allow for hands-on learning opportunities, including a Commander aircraft valued at $95,000 from Columbia Pacific Aviation, composite materials valued at $100,000, and additional donations of materials from Boeing, Hexell, and ACES.

“The Building Nursing Pathways project has doubled the size of our nursing program, which now accounts for 50 percent of regional Registered Nurse production. The project allowed for a complete revamping of curriculum for all theory and clinical coursework in the program, professional development for all faculty, the creation of a state-of-the-art simulation laboratory, infusion of new technologies into nursing program classrooms, enhanced student support through dedicated advising, employment services, and tutoring positions.”

Matt Bryant, Grant Director
Bellingham Technical College
Building Nursing Pathways

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**Washington Example:** The Computer on Wheels (COWs) initiative under the Air Washington grant provided students with access to course materials and aircraft manuals that are updated in real time rather than traditional hard copy formats that become dated and costly to replace.

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/).

**Statewide Outcomes to Date**

- **77 programs**
- **13,343 participants**
- **12,321 credentials**

**Washington Colleges**

- Bates Technical College
- Bellevue College
- Bellingham Technical College
- Big Bend Community College
- Centralia College
- Clark College
- Clover Park Technical College
- Edmonds Community College
- Everett Community College
- Green River Community College
- North Seattle College
- Olympic College
- Peninsula College
- Pierce College-Fort Steilacoom
- Renton Technical College
- Shoreline Community College
- Skagit Valley College
- South Seattle College

**Total Funding:** $57,973,453
**TAACCCT Grants:** 6

*Bolded* colleges are grant leads