



NLET & SkillsCommons:

Leveraging Technologies and a Two Billion Dollar Investment for the Future of Skills and Training for Jobseekers and Employers

The National Laboratory for Education Transformation, NLET, www.NLET.org and the SkillsCommons open occupational course repository, www.SkillsCommons.org have leveraged the US Department of Labor's Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCCT) two billion dollar investment in the SkillsCommons library by establishing a partnership to:

- Promote the adoption and development of “open training resources” (OTR) as a critical component of the Open Education Resources (OER) movement.
- Support a community of organizations to collaboratively develop the data and meta-data schema for open training resources (OTR) to guarantee their portability.
- Develop tools and partnerships that make more efficient the interactions between jobseekers, learners, employers and providers of training and certification through NLET partnership with www.PragyaSystems.com.
- Develop the SkillsRegistry™ to automatically classify documents (job descriptions, course listings, resumes, articles, etc.) by O*NET, SOC codes and other labor classifications through NLET partnership with www.Enlyton.com
- Building on Skills Commons' white-labeled portals developed from the repository's free-and-low-cost curriculum, NLET will provide workforce development pathways design and portal development to meet industry sector, community college system, apprenticeship, college open library, and program-centered training needs for these and other organizations.

These products and services are relevant today because new and effective job-training approaches such as apprenticeships and other non-college pathways provide evidence of competency attainment as the skills gap becomes more urgent, and employers become more discerning in their quest to hire work-ready employees.

NLET's work, research and successful models create and implement strategic transformation via pilot scenarios and scalable program models. SkillsCommons organizes and delivers easy access to a broad spectrum of OER and OTR workforce resources.

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