

Community-Based Job Training Grants

Atlanta Technical College

Grantee: Atlanta Technical College

Industry Focus: Healthcare, Nursing, and Pharmacy

Key Partners: Grady Health Systems, CVS Pharmacy, Kaiser Permanente, and the Atlanta Workforce Development Agency

Grant Amount: \$2,102,900

Leveraged Amount: \$2,799,894

Location of Grant Activities: Fulton County, Georgia, including Atlanta

Challenge: Although the healthcare industry in the Atlanta region offers a large number of job opportunities, the current workforce supply has not been able to meet the high demand. For example, Georgia is experiencing significant vacancies for full-time, nursing-related positions in hospitals due to fewer young people entering the nursing profession and an increase in the number of nurses retiring within the next 10 years. The Georgia Department of Labor estimates a statewide increase of about 20,000 new positions for registered nurses, from 2002 to 2012, and another 9,000 for nursing aides, orderlies, and attendants. In addition, there are expected to be approximately 300 openings annually for pharmacists.

Addressing the Challenge: Atlanta Technical College will develop two professional tracks to meet the growing need for healthcare workers and instructors in the Metropolitan Atlanta area. The Nursing track culminates in a Patient Care Assisting/Technician certificate to Medical Assisting diploma, which leads to a Practical Nursing diploma, and subsequently to a Nursing associate's degree. The Pharmacy track culminates in the awarding of a Pharmacy Technician certificate, which leads to a Pharmacy Technician diploma, and subsequently to a Pharmacy Technician associate's degree.

Through the project, Atlanta Technical College and partners will expand their capacity to deliver education and training programs through additional classroom and lecture space, clinical sites, new equipment and additional instructors.

Projected Outcomes:

- Train 575 healthcare students
- Enhance instructional capacity through the hiring of four new instructors
- Expansion of the floor space for the nursing/pharmacy programs by 73%. This expansion will enable Atlanta Technical College to provide training experiences for an additional 750 students in the 36-month grant period
- Establishment of a new nursing and pharmacy programs

