

# Community-Based Job Training Grants

## *Lane Community College*

**Grantee:** Lane Community College

**Industry Focus:** Healthcare

**Key Partners:** Umpqua Community College in Roseburg, Oregon; Linn-Benton Community College in Albany, Oregon; Lewis-Clark State College in Lewiston, Idaho; Lane County Dental Society; Dr. Janet Peterson (past president of the Oregon Dental Association); Umpqua Dental Society; Idaho State Dental Association; Lane Workforce Partnership in Eugene, Oregon; Region 4 Workforce Investment Board (Linn-Benton); Umpqua Training & Employment; Idaho Workforce Development Council; Idaho Department of Commerce & Labor; Lane Education Service District; Crescent Valley High School in Corvallis, Oregon (Linn-Benton); Douglas Education Service District (Umpqua); and Independent School District No. 1 in Lewiston, Idaho.

**Grant Amount:** \$1,969,923

**Leveraged Amount:** \$2,040,255

**Location of Grant Activities:** Oregon and Idaho

**Challenge:** The Northwest reflects a national shortage of dental hygienists. For example, the State of Oregon projects the need for another 971 dental hygienists between 2004 and 2014, a 33.1 percent increase. For the same time period, Lane County will need another 56 hygienists (a 27.6 percent increase) while Benton, Lincoln, and Linn counties – rural counties with smaller populations than Lane – are projected to need 63 dental hygienists (33.7 percent increase). Finally, Douglas County continues to suffer from an ongoing shortage of dental hygienists.

**Addressing the Challenge:** Students at the partner colleges will earn an Associate in Applied Science in Dental Hygiene through distance learning for lecture and on-site clinical experience, a program accredited by Lane Community College. The development/bifurcation of associate-level dental hygiene curriculum, will allow Lane to offer other rural colleges in the future a time-specific, workforce-driven curriculum to develop local dental hygienists.

### **Projected Outcomes:**

- Increase dental hygienists from 18 per year to 36 per year by year three across the four communities
- A total of 72 dental hygienists will earn an AAS in dental hygiene – 54 at Lane Community College and six at each of the satellite campuses (18 total)
- 1,000 students will be exposed to dental hygiene careers through healthcare career exploration in the four different communities

