



Grant Program:	Healthcare Sector and Other High Growth and Emerging Industries
Grantee Name:	Otero Junior College
Grantee City/State:	La Junta, CO
Grant Award Amount:	\$4,999,350
Initial Period of Performance:	March 2010 - February 2013
Project Name:	Nursing Innovations in Rural Colorado
Project Description:	The grantee and its partners will implement the <i>Nursing Innovations in Rural Colorado</i> project to recruit and train certified nurse assistants (CNAs), licensed practical nurses (LPNs) and registered nurses (RNs). The project will expand the successful Nontraditional Evening and Weekend (NEW) program, and create extensive clinical simulation through mobile laboratories. Through these capacity building efforts, participants will have the unique opportunity to develop their hands on skills by working in high-tech human-patient simulated clinical settings in which they will experience a wide range of situations using programmable mannequins.
Areas Served by Grant:	The 11 rural southern Colorado counties of Otero, Bent, Crowley, Las Animas, Huerfano, Alamosa, Conejos, Saguache, Mineral, Costilla and Rio Grande.
Targeted Industries:	Health Care (Nursing)
Targeted Credentials:	Certified Nurse Assistants (CNAs), Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) and Registered Nurses (RNs)
Targeted Occupations:	Certified Nurse Assistants (CNAs), Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) and Registered Nurses (RNs)
Targeted Populations:	Unemployed and dislocated workers
All Project partners:	<i>Workforce Investment System:</i> Colorado Department of Labor (Colorado Workforce System - Southeast Workforce Center, South Central Workforce Center), Rocky Mountain SER; <i>Education/Training:</i> Otero Junior College, Trinidad State Junior College; <i>Employers & Industry:</i> San Luis Valley Regional Medical Center, Mt. San Rafael Hospital; <i>Continuum of Education:</i> La Junta School District, Trinidad State Junior College Educational Foundation, Trinidad State Junior College Adult Education
Projected outcomes:	
Total number of participants served:	700
Total number of participants beginning education/training activities:	700
Total number of participants completing education/training activities:	650
Total number of participants who complete education/training activities	650





and receive a degree/certificate:	
Total number of participants who complete education/training activities and are placed into unsubsidized employment:	625
Total number of participants who complete education/training activities and are placed into training-related unsubsidized employment:	600
Total number of participants placed in unsubsidized employment who retain an employed status in the first and second quarters following initial placement:	575
Other Key Project Deliverables:	<p>The following have been identified as the outcomes for this three-year project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Certify, train and license 650 certified nurse assistants, licensed practical nurses and registered nurses. ▪ Increase the number of nursing students pursuing a bachelor’s degree in nursing by 10%. ▪ Increase by 20% the number of Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA), Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) and Registered Nurse (RN) graduates employed in the healthcare sector six months after graduation.
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