

President's Community-Based Job Training Grants

Santa Fe Community College

AWARD AMOUNT: \$1,072,339

AREA SERVED: Alachua, Bradford, Citrus, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Levy and Marion Counties, Florida

INDUSTRY: Healthcare

KEY PARTNERS AND LEVERAGED RESOURCES: \$9,396,880 in leveraged resources from eight employer partners, four workforce partners and eleven education partners

CHALLENGES AND CONSTRAINTS: Rural healthcare providers in Florida are unable to meet their allied healthcare workforce needs. In response, a regional partnership of industry, education, and other rural alliance partners recommended expanding capacity at the community college and implementing recruitment and training strategies to ensure a pipeline of well-trained healthcare workers.

ACTIVITIES: Under this grant, Santa Fe Community College will increase the space available for classrooms and laboratories for health care programs and equip the space with state-of-the-art equipment and curriculum including human body simulators and simulated hospital and operating rooms. The project will also reduce the shortage of faculty for health care programs, increase public awareness of health care careers and training opportunities, and provide support services for students. Training strategies include: providing opportunities to secondary school faculty, students, parents, and One-Stop Career Center participants; modifying curricula to include the use of the new state-of-the-art equipment and simulation technology; emphasizing problem-based learning; and increasing the cultural competency of students. The project will directly impact the following healthcare programs: cardiovascular technology, dental assisting, dental hygiene, diagnostic medical sonography, emergency medical technician, paramedic, practical nursing, nuclear medicine technology, radiologic technology, nursing, respiratory therapy, and surgical technology.

PROJECTED OUTCOMES:

- 6,873 individuals will participate in grant activities;
- Increase the number of qualified applicants for healthcare training by 12%;
- Increase new enrollments from 511 to 577 students; and
- Increase the number of healthcare professionals completing continuation education courses to 1,145, a 15% increase.

eta

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Community-Based Job Training Grants
Announced October 19, 2005