President's Community-Based Job Training Grants

Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana

AWARD AMOUNT: \$2,572,436

AREA SERVED: State of Indiana

INDUSTRY: Healthcare

KEY PARTNERS AND LEVERAGED RESOURCES: \$11,546,552 in leveraged resources from three employer partners, four workforce partners, two education partners and four other partners

CHALLENGES AND CONSTRAINTS: State government and private sectors have documented a critical shortage in nursing and allied healthcare occupations in every area of Indiana. As the only community college in the state, Ivy Tech Community College serves more than 100,000 students in 14 regions. To meet employer demand for healthcare professionals, Ivy Tech will increase educational output of its existing allied health and nursing programs and reshape the ways healthcare education is delivered.

ACTIVITIES: This project will increase healthcare training in health and nursing occupations on regional and statewide levels. Ivy Tech and its partners will launch 15 healthcare training projects across Indiana through regional partnerships. Each regional partnership will emphasize cost-effective delivery and efficient distribution of healthcare education, using distance learning, Internet applications and video technologies. The Statewide Healthcare Action Team will develop articulation agreements from K-12 to bachelors and masters degrees, career lattices linked to educational paths, a model protocol allocating clinical slots among hospitals and colleges, approaches to sharing equipment and lab intensive training, regional technical assistance on best practices and other innovative strategies.

PROJECTED OUTCOMES:

- 1835 students will be enrolled in allied heath and nursing training, and 1500 will become employed as nurses and allied health professionals,
- Capacity of training programs will be increased in 5 regions, and
- An eMedia Center will be developed to increase capacity for delivering existing
 courses such as the Certifed Nursing Assistant (CNA), Workplace Spanish for
 Healthcare/Pharmacy, and the Paramedic to Nursing Transition Program, this
 program will produce 285 new Workplace Spanish graduates and 50 new CNAs, and
 add a new Paramedic to Nursing Transition program for 15 students.