

Community-Based Job Training Grants

Gateway Community and Technical College

Grantee: Gateway Community and Technical College

Industry Focus: Homeland Security

Key Partners: Northern Kentucky Workforce Investment Board One-Stop Career Centers; St. Luke Hospitals; Kenton County Sheriff's Department; Northern Kentucky Council of Partners; Centro de Amistad; and Regional Workforce Consultant.

Grant Amount: \$846,670

Leveraged Amount: \$584,743

Location of Grant Activities: Northern Kentucky

Challenge: Kentucky employment is expected to increase nearly 10% from 2006 to 2016. During that period the number of occupations requiring an associates degree or higher will increase by 25%. Among these occupations will be jobs in Protective Service, Security Managers, Detectives and Criminal Investigators. This field is creating 164 new openings each year. To support this growth, the region must expand course offerings and support services to ensure a steady stream of qualified workers.

Addressing the Challenge: The Northern Kentucky Regional Homeland Security Careers Project will expand the training capacity in the Gateway Community and Technical College's (Gateway) Criminal Justice and Information Technology programs. This includes the development of a career lattice with multiple credentialing options and entry points that link educational credentials with employment and salary levels. The following three new certificate programs will be developed - Computer Forensics, Homeland Security/Emergency Management Specialist, and Information Security. Each of these programs target skills and competencies within occupations needed by the security industry. Gateway will also expand its Associates Degree in Applied Science: Criminal Justice program by offering additional courses on a flexible evening and weekend schedule. This degree prepares students for entry into the field of police work and related occupations.

Projected Outcomes:

- 50 participants will enroll in the Associate in Applied Science: Criminal Justice Degree program.
- 45 participants will enroll in the Computer Forensics Certificate program.
- 45 participants will enroll in the Homeland Security/Emergency Management Specialist Certificate program.
- 30 participants will enroll in the Information Security Certificate program.
- 99 credentials will be awarded.
- 70 participants will enter training-related employment.

