

STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES
Allocation for Investment in Short-Term Workforce Training
FY 2017–18

Request: The State Board is requested to approve \$2,000,000 in funding for 36 community colleges to support their priority requests to provide short-term workforce training courses leading to industry credentials in accordance with Session Law 2017-57, Section 9.14(a).

Background: In the North Carolina Community College 2017–19 Budget Priorities there were three primary goals, one of which was to “Ensure A Highly Skilled Workforce Pipeline”. An overriding priority of the goal was to invest in workforce training and the budget request was significantly linked to increasing funding for short-term workforce training programs leading to industry credentials. This \$15.3 million request would have provided a Workforce Continuing Education funding method that supported colleges in determining the most effective means of responding to in-demand short-term training leading to credentials.

The budget request to support the alignment of short-term workforce training to industry demand was not included in the FY 2017-19 budget appropriations bill. The legislators did provide an opportunity with a \$2 million appropriation for the North Carolina Community Colleges to demonstrate the potential impact of these funds on short-term workforce training for the employers and citizens of the State.

Session Law 2017-57, Section 9.14(a)

“Of the funds appropriated by this act to the Community Colleges System Office for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, the System Office shall allocate funds to community colleges to support short-term workforce training courses leading to industry credentials. The State Board of Community Colleges shall adopt an application process for community colleges to apply to receive these funds. These funds shall be allocated at the same full-time equivalent (FTE) value as curriculum courses.”

Method of Allocation: All colleges were invited to submit applications for consideration of funds to support short-term workforce training leading to industry credentials.

Programs submitted for funds were required to be Tier 1A, Tier 1B or Tier 2 eligible and to be closely aligned with local industry needs as demonstrated through support letters. Colleges also indicated their capability of providing the training in the Spring 2018 with a heavy focus on programs beginning in early spring to support an April 1, 2018 reporting requirement to legislators. Colleges were allowed to submit for multiple programs but were requested to prioritize their requests.

Thirty-six community colleges submitted applications for use of the short-term workforce training funds. Total application requests equaled \$3.9 million in funds for training.

Applications were reviewed for alignment with requirements, including how the increased access to funds supports capacity growth, improved delivery, or positively impacts employer

demand to student enrollment ratios as well as if the start of instruction was in line with legislative reporting requirements for April 2018.

Allocations are recommended for all 36 colleges to receive funding for their priority program. This allocation provides an opportunity for funds to impact a broad range of industry sectors, including aviation, construction, healthcare, industrial/manufacturing, transportation and public safety. The proposed programs will allow an estimated 785 students to gain access to training leading to industry credentials aligned with employer demand and community needs across the state.

Allocation and Time Period:

Sector/College	Course	Priority 1 Request	Allocation
Aviation			
Fayetteville Tech CC	Airframe Systems	\$12,504	\$12,504
Construction			
Asheville-Buncombe CC	Building Construction Trades	\$14,697	\$14,697
Beaufort CC	HVAC	\$30,572	\$31,300
Carteret CC	Masonry	\$26,570	\$27,203
Craven CC	HVAC	\$37,824	\$38,726
Davidson CCC	Carpentry	\$8,710	\$8,918
Rowan-Cabarrus CC	Building Construction Trades	\$114,775	\$114,775
Vance-Granville CC	Heavy Equipment Operator	\$30,720	\$31,452
Healthcare			
Brunswick CC	Medical Assisting	\$24,248	\$24,248
Gaston College	Paramedic	\$232,706	\$232,706
Johnston CC	Nurse Aide I	\$65,320	\$65,320
Piedmont CC	Paramedic	\$49,075	\$50,245
Pitt CC	Nurse Aide II	\$48,991	\$48,991
Rockingham CC	Paramedic	\$179,633	\$179,633
Southeastern CC	Nurse Aide I	\$21,791	\$21,791
Stanly CC	MRI Tech	\$38,378	\$38,378
Western Piedmont CC	Nurse Aide I	\$26,332	\$26,332
Industrial / Manufacturing			
Blue Ridge CC	Maintenance Mechanics	\$39,006	\$39,006
Cape Fear CC	Electrical Lineman	\$46,800	\$47,915
Durham Tech CC	Manufacturing Tech	\$31,944	\$31,944
Forsyth Tech CC	Biowork	\$28,084	\$28,084
Haywood CC	Welding	\$33,626	\$33,626
Lenoir CC	Certified Production Tech	\$34,629	\$35,454
Mayland CC	Manufacturing Tech	\$7,750	\$7,935
McDowell Tech CC	Manufacturing Tech	\$38,333	\$38,333
Mitchell CC	Certified Production Tech	\$20,665	\$21,158
Nash CC	Electrical Lineman	\$33,213	\$33,213

Randolph CC	Machining Technology	\$14,500	\$14,846
Public Safety			
Montgomery CC	Search and Rescue (Drones)	\$47,000	\$47,000
Sandhills CC	Firefighter	\$144,751	\$144,751
South Piedmont CC	Firefighter	\$170,549	\$170,549
Southwestern CC	Basic Law Enforcement (BLET)	\$113,903	\$113,903
Transportation			
Caldwell CC & TI	Truck Driver Training	\$124,256	\$124,256
Central Piedmont CC	Truck Driver Training	\$70,333	\$70,333
Cleveland CC	Truck Driver Training	\$11,722	\$11,722
Isothermal CC	Truck Driver Training	\$18,755	\$18,755
Grand Total		\$1,992,664	\$2,000,000

The total allocation is \$2,000,000 for the period of July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018.

Fund Source and Availability: The Short-Term Workforce Training funds are funded through State appropriations for FY 2017-18.

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