

Texas Career Opportunity Grant

Criteria for Eligible Programs

School Eligibility

- Programs must be delivered by a school (campus) that:
 - Is operating in Texas
 - Has been licensed continuously as a career school for 5 years (licensing is by campus)
 - Has been accredited by a U.S. Dept. of Education-recognized accreditor for at least 5 years

Program Eligibility

- Programs must:
 - Result in a certificate or degree
 - Be at least 30 weeks in length and meet or exceed 24 semester credit hours, 36 quarter credit hours, or 900 clock hours
 - Meet the workforce needs of the state, as determined by the Texas Workforce Commission
 - Have reported enrollment in the most recent reporting period

Statewide Target Occupations List

- Established by the Texas Workforce Commission to help prioritize workforce training funding
- Criteria:
 1. Relevant to a Core Industry in any of the Governor's Industry Clusters [Aerospace and Defense (AD), Advanced Technologies and Manufacturing (ATM), Biotechnology and Life Science (BLS), Energy (E), Petroleum Refining and Chemical Products (PRCP), and Information and Computer Technology (ICT)]
 2. Minimum current employment of 500 in at least one Core Industry Cluster
 3. Minimum Annual Salary of \$30,000
 4. Favorable Growth-Replacement Ratio (> 1.0 - more projected job openings are due to new demand than to replacement of current population of workers)
 5. Education Preference : At least short-term on-the-job training, but no more than Bachelor's degree plus work experience