

Community College System of New Hampshire
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Impact of HB2-Funded Investment in Workforce Programs

Funding has seeded the expansion and creation of critical industry-linked programs across NH. Investments in infrastructure, equipment, program development, and educational partnerships have proven to positively impact the upskilling of NH’s workforce. Early impacts to date:

Accelerated Welding at MCC: New welding lab equipment to support accelerated welding program in partnership with SENEDIA* has resulted in 21 students since launched, 97% completion

Allied Health Lab Renovations at NHTI: Newly equipped MA & LNA learning facility. Student evaluations of facilities went from Poor to Excellent

CDL in Southern NH at MCC, NCC & NHTI: Partnership with Patten’s Commercial Driving, marketing, & student scholarships has supported 33 students since launched, 97% credential completion (CDL-A or CDL-B)

Culinary Program at GBCC: Designed a new short-term culinary curriculum hand in hand with seacoast area chefs. February 18th launch.

Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) at WMCC: Delivered essential EMT training to Coos & Northern Grafton Counties, 11 students completed so far, significantly improved access, reduced commute times up to 75 miles

Medical Assistant Program at NCC: Lab built and MA apprenticeship program launched w Southern NH Health, 3 classes completed, 18 enrolled to date and 94% completion

Medical Assistant Lab at RVCC: Lab built to support expansion of MA program, upgraded equipment, scholarship support to students.

Robotics Program at LRCC: Installed state-of-the-art robotics equipment to support implementation of new robotics programming, in demand industry recognized credentials earned by students

* SENEDIA: Southeastern New England Defense Industry Alliance

Impact Statements

“The Medical Assistant (MA) Apprenticeship program has been instrumental in meeting our workforce needs by enhancing access to quality education and career pathways for individuals in our community,” said Viktoriya Dribinskaya, Director of Workforce Development at Southern NH Health. “By equipping individuals with in-demand skills and fostering strong partnerships with NCC and ApprenticeshipNH, the program has bridged the gap between education and employment. Notably, almost 92% of our current MA workforce is comprised of graduates from this program.”

["I am trying to better my life and my children's life. My future goal is to go to nursing school." \(RVCC\)](#)

“I would like to thank New Hampshire workforce NHTI, Patten’s commercial driver training, all the folks involved putting together this centrally located training program in New Hampshire...The Program once completed, does open up many different opportunities in this career path... I am glad that this program was put together to get me into something that I’ve been wanting to do for a very long time. I am also very grateful...”

[“Last week, I passed my \[CDL\] road test...this will definitely help change my life in a very positive way... It is good when a workforce program helps someone get a better job. It is much better when such a program makes a positive difference in someone's life... I am more grateful than I can say.” \(MCC\)](#)

“I don't know of any other culinary institution in the country that has chefs from that community who are owners and operators who are teaching classes hands-on,” Mallett said. “Then (they’re) bringing those students through an externship in the same program into their kitchens to work with the intent that down the road there is the prospect of that student working in that restaurant or in any of the participating restaurants.” (GBCC)

[“I want to thank WMCC for developing the EMT course that concluded in December. The students gained valuable knowledge and skills, and the instructors were excellent throughout the program.”](#)

“From my experience working with our high school *FIRST* Robotics teams and students, many are seeking a pathway through the Community College System of New Hampshire to a successful career,” said Ken St. Hilaire, *FIRST* New Hampshire Director. “The Industrial Automation and Robotics program at LRCC will create an excellent opportunity for these students...leading to a rewarding career right here in our state.”

Additional Industry-Linked Workforce Training

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Traditional College Business Training Center offerings

The participant is registered in a training that was created in the CCSNH database with a course registration number.

- 6252 Enrollments; 4987 Students (unique seat count)
- 973 Classes
- 15% of WFD enrollment is Healthcare, offered at all 7 colleges
 - Nearly 30% enrolled in healthcare are apprentices, supported by CCSNH ApprenticeshipNH grant
- 63% of our students were 25 years old or older
- Top 5 Areas:
 - Healthcare
 - Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Programming
 - WorkReadyNH (workforce re-entry/new entry skills, applied math, workplace simulation)
 - Dental
 - English as Second Language

Customized Training developed in specific partnership with employers

Trainings developed with an external organization, such as an employer, non-profit, state agency or community partner. The number of participants is tracked under the sponsoring organization's account as a total sum.

- 786 Enrollments
- 64 Classes
- Top 5 customized training organizations:
 - Granite State Manufacturing
 - Canaan School District
 - SAU #20
 - Department of Health & Human Services
 - Pike Industries