

The Short-Term Workforce Development (STWD) Grant provides financial assistance for students enrolled in skills training at one of North Carolina's 58 community colleges. The program supports eligible Workforce Continuing Education (WCE) students pursuing high-demand credentials, such as a Journeyman Certificate.

WHAT'S NEW?

All Registered Apprenticeship occupations are now included on the NC Workforce Credentials list! If your Registered Apprenticeship Program's related instruction is offered through WCE at a NC community college, your apprentices are now eligible for STWD grant funding. This means they can access grants to cover training costs, making it more affordable and accessible for your workforce.

KEY BENEFITS FOR EMPLOYERS

Develop a Skilled Workforce

Establish a continuous pipeline of employees trained in essential, high-demand skills.

Reduce Training Costs

Your apprentices can receive grant funds of **up to \$750 per course** to cover training expenses, including tuition, fees, books, supplies, credentialing tests, transportation, and childcare.

Align with Industry Needs

Registered Apprenticeship Programs connected to NC community colleges align with state and industry-recognized credentials.

GET STARTED

- **1. Connect with ApprenticeshipNC:** Contact an <u>ApprenticeshipNC Consultant</u> to develop or enhance your training program. They will connect you with your local NC community college for program alignment.
- **2.** Enroll & Train: Once enrolled, apprentices can immediately benefit from grant funding to reduce training costs.
- **3. Stay Updated:** Keep in touch with your local NC community college and ApprenticeshipNC to stay informed about program updates and opportunities.