



Puerto Rico

Total Funding: \$10,208,302
TAACCCT Grants: 4

Colleges

Colegio Universitario de San Juan

Round 2 Project: CUSJ's Accelerated, Blended-Online, 2+2 TAACCCT Training Project
Award: \$2,500,000

Round 3 Project: Prompt Employment through CUSJ's Accelerated Blended Certificate Programs
Award: \$2,507,461

Universidad del Este

Round 1 Project: UNE Center for Empowerment and Free Enterprise
Award: \$2,701,203

Universidad Metropolitana

Round 4 Project: New Horizons: Puerto Rico Lasers and Photonics Career Pathways
Award: \$2,499,638

Bolded colleges are grant leads

Statewide Outcomes to Date

6 programs

Programs Launched



= 5 programs

Participants

= 500 participants

1,939 participants



Credentials Earned

= 500 credentials

245 credentials

See explanatory information at <https://www.doleta.gov/taaccct/state-profiles.cfm>

The U.S. Department of Labor's TAACCCT grant program is a major investment in building the capacity of community colleges. Grant funds are not used for tuition, but to create or enhance programs of study that lead to industry-recognized credentials, upgrade equipment, support student success toward completion, and more. TAACCCT supports colleges to better serve workers eligible for training under the TAA for Workers program, as well as a broad range of other adults.

Examples from Puerto Rico

Primary Industry Emphasis of Programs of Study



Healthcare



Information Technology



Manufacturing

To find free and open career and technical training resources produced by colleges using TAACCCT funds, visit <https://www.skillscommons.org/>.

Puerto Rico Example: [57 Spanish-language materials](#) were uploaded to the site by Puerto Rico's Colegio Universitario de San Juan. Materials cover topics including healthcare, information technology, and criminal justice.

"For the first time in our history we have online education...new policies, new procedures, new technology, new methodology, and so many other new things, that our institution has become a different one."
Haydee Zayas, Chancellor, Colegio Universitario De San Juan (CUSJ), Prompt Employment through CUSJ's Accelerated Blended Certificate Programs

Universidad Metropolitana, lead college for the New Horizons initiative, is working through the Puerto Rico Photonics Institute to offer a training program in Lasers, Optics and Photonics, the first of its kind in Puerto Rico.

"[The Colegio Universitario de San Juan] improved its infrastructure for blended and online delivery learning technology by creating the Educational Opportunities Center (EOC), upgrading 19 classrooms with smartboard technology, and developing educational modules to deliver courses through a mixed-methods approach."
"Final Evaluation Report: Accelerated, Blended - Online, 2+2 TAACCCT Training Project" (Franco, E. 2017)

