

Workforce Training & Economic Development Fund

Iowa's Community Colleges: Working Together for the Future of Iowa



Supporting New Program Innovation at Iowa's Community Colleges

The Workforce Training and Economic Development (WTED) Fund was established in 2003 as part of the Grow Iowa Values Fund and is a source of financing for community college new program innovation, development, and capacity building, particularly for career and technical education. This fund supports projects, programs and initiatives, defined by statute, for Iowa's targeted industry clusters.



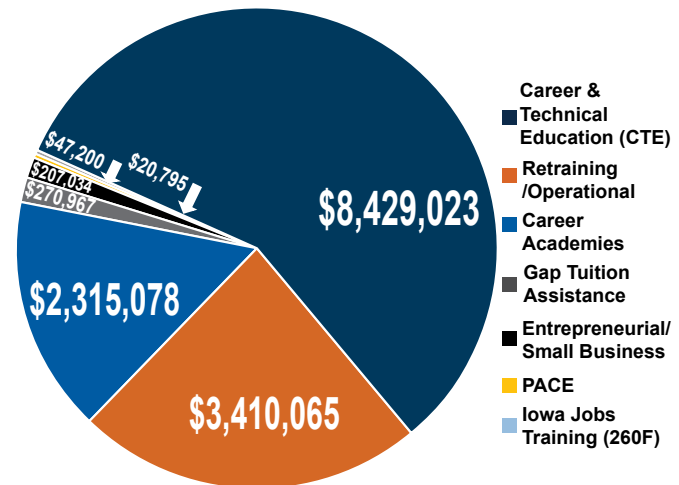
2022 Summary

The majority of WTED funding (96.3 percent,) supports students through the following programs:

- Career and Technical Education (CTE)
- General Training/Retraining
Innovative programming for upskilling employees and students
- Career Academies

Student Support

\$226.16 per Participant



Total Expenses for Fiscal Year 2021: \$14,700,162



2022 WTED Fund Participants and Completers

Community colleges assisted nearly 65,000 participants and 3,551 businesses using WTED funds in academic year 2022 through programs such as career academies, career and technical education and general training/retraining.

Program	Participants	Completers*	Businesses
Career Academies	21,280	20,859	558
Career & Training Education (CTE)	27,666	22,509	547
Retraining/Operational	15,490	12,081	736
ACE (260G)**	-	-	-
Entrepreneurial/Small Business	392	509	1,674
Gap Tuition Assistance	154	124	33
Iowa Jobs Training (260F)	16	16	3
NCRC/NAM	-	-	-
PACE	-	-	-
Total	64,998	56,098	3,551

* Each training program has individual requirements and timelines for completion. Participant and completer numbers include both long- and short-term programs. It is the individual college's choice which of these programs will be supported by WTED funds, and this will reflect larger or smaller participant and completer data, depending on the program and time to completion. Additionally, participants and completers can be reflected in different fiscal years due to length of program (FY 2022 Participants and Completers by Program).

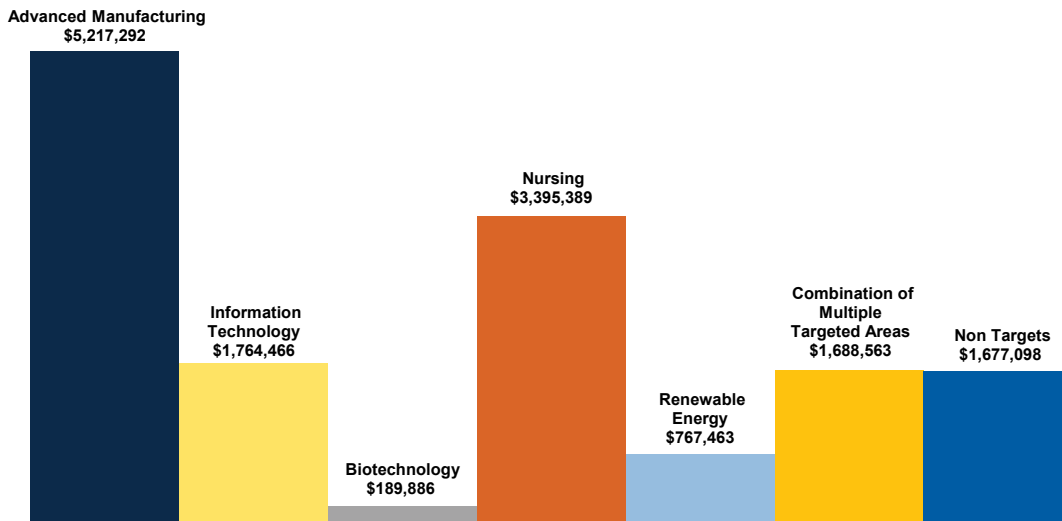
** ACE does not pertain to participants, infrastructure only.



Targeted Industries

All of Iowa’s 15 community colleges are annually required to submit progress reports indicating expenses illustrating that they have fulfilled the required 70 percent threshold for training projects within Iowa’s targeted industry clusters. The clusters are defined in statute as advanced manufacturing; information technology and insurance; alternative and renewable energy; and life sciences, which include the areas of biotechnology, health care and nursing technology. In 2022, 88.6 percent of WTED funds were spent on targeted industries, over 58.6 percent spent on advanced manufacturing and nursing.

FY 2022 Expenditures by Targeted Industry



Flexible Fund

WTED is a flexible fund that is designed to support career academies, career and technical education programs, entrepreneurship education, small business training assistance, and retraining activities for students and businesses. Additionally, it may supplement other programs such as the Gap Tuition Assistance Program (GAP) (260I), Iowa Jobs Training (260F), National Career Readiness Certification (NCRC), National Advanced Manufacturing Certification (NAM), and Pathways for Academic Career and Employment (PACE) (260H).



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