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Nine Community Colleges, 20 Health Care Providers Collaborate for \$2.5 Million Statewide Job-Training Grant

Approximately 2,500 health care professionals to advance skills

AUSTIN – A statewide consortium of Texas community colleges has partnered with Hospital Corp. of America and Universal Health Services to provide job training using a \$2.5 million Skills Development Fund grant from the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC). (Complete list of community colleges and health care providers attached). Texas State Technical College Waco will administer the grant.

The grant will be used to custom train approximately 2,500 new and incumbent health care workers. Those trained will include registered nurses and licensed vocational nurses who will earn certifications in a variety of medical specializations. Upon completion of training, the workers will earn an average hourly wage of \$30.77.

“Our Skills Development Fund grants provide workers with the specialized training they need to advance their careers,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. “As a result the surrounding communities benefit from a more highly skilled workforce.”

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2009, Skills Development Fund grants created or upgraded 19,516 jobs, which paid an average hourly wage of \$24.44. These grants assisted 170 Texas employers with their customized training needs. The Legislature appropriated \$90 million to the Skills Development Fund for the 2010-11 biennium. Employers seeking more information about the Skills Development Fund may visit the TWC Web site at <http://skills.texasworkforce.org>.

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Texas Community College Training Providers

Alamo Colleges
 Amarillo College
 Austin Community College
 Grayson County College
 Laredo Community College
 Lone Star College
 San Jacinto College
 Tarrant County College

Health Care Employer Partners

Hospital Corp. of America

- Austin area
 - St. David's Healthcare Partnership
- Dallas/Fort Worth area
 - Denton Regional Medical Center
 - Medical Center of Arlington
 - Medical Center of Lewisville
 - Medical Center of McKinney
 - Medical Center of Plano
 - Medical City Dallas Hospital
 - North Hills Hospital (N. Richland Hills)
 - Plaza Medical Center of Fort Worth
 - National Patient Account Services
- El Paso area
 - Las Palmas Del Sol Healthcare
- Houston area
 - Bayshore Medical Center (Pasadena)
 - Clear Lake Medical Center
 - Kingwood Medical Center
 - Mainland Medical Center (Texas City)
 - Patient Account Services - Houston
- San Antonio area
 - Methodist Healthcare System
 - Patient Account Services – San Antonio

Universal Health Care Services

- Amarillo
 - Northwest Texas Healthcare System
- Denison
 - Texoma Medical Center
- Laredo
 - Laredo Regional Medical Center

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