

ACCELERATED CAREER EDUCATION PROGRAM

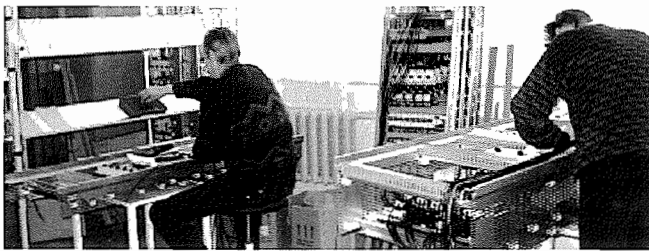
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Partnerships for an Educated Workforce

► PROVIDING IOWA'S BUSINESSES WITH A PRODUCTIVE AND HIGHLY SKILLED WORKFORCE

The Accelerated Career Education (ACE) program is designed to provide businesses with an enhanced skilled workforce. This innovative program assists Iowa's community colleges to either establish or expand programs that train individuals in the occupations most needed by Iowa businesses.



The program consists of two different parts:

- ACE dollars to fund the necessary infrastructure construction/rehabilitation needed to increase student capacity in the new or expanded classes.
- Program job credits to help fund the additional program costs associated with establishing a new or expanding a current program.

To participate in ACE, businesses enter into an agreement with a community college to sponsor a portion or all of the positions created by the establishment or expansion of a current educational program. By sponsoring open positions in a program, a company agrees to consider the student for employment upon the completion of their respective

training program. Businesses must assist with program design and provide a 20 percent match of the program costs, pro-rated by the percentage of positions sponsored.

Eligible businesses will be engaged in interstate or intrastate commerce for the purpose of:

- manufacturing, processing or assembling products
- construction
- conducting research and development
- providing services in interstate or intrastate commerce

Businesses that enter into an agreement with an Iowa community college offset the costs of the program through tax benefits. These are contingent upon the number of program job credits a company accrues and are awarded based upon the number of seats they sponsor in a program. Credits can be up to 10 percent of the hiring wage (minimum wage being 200 percent of the federal poverty guideline for a family of two) that a sponsoring business would pay to an individual that completes the programs' requirements. Job credits are a diversion of a company's current state of Iowa personal income withholding tax and are paid to the community college over the life of an agreement, usually five years.

For more information on how your business can benefit from ACE, contact your local community college using the information provided on the back of this sheet.



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To get started, contact your local community college listed below or the IDED at 515.242.4867.

Des Moines Area Community College
2006 South Ankeny Boulevard
Ankeny, IA 50021
515.965.7064

Eastern Iowa Community College
306 West River Drive
Davenport, IA 52801-1221
563.336.3315

Hawkeye Community College
5330 Nordic Drive
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
319.277.3806

Indian Hills Community College
525 Grandview Avenue
Ottumwa, IA 52501
641.683.5182

Iowa Central Community College
330 Avenue M
Fort Dodge, IA 50501
515.576.7201

Iowa Lakes Community College
19 South Seventh Street
Estherville, IA 51334-2295
712.362.0431

Iowa Valley Community College
2703 South Center Street
Marshalltown, IA 50158
641.752.4645

Iowa Western Community College
2700 College Road, Box 4-C
Council Bluffs, IA 51502
712.325.3375

Kirkwood Community College
6301 Kirkwood Boulevard SW, Box 2068
Cedar Rapids, IA 52406
319.398.5623

North Iowa Area Community College
500 College Drive
Mason City, IA 50401
641.422.4170

Northeast Iowa Area Community College
Box 400
Calmar, IA 52132
563.562.3263

Northwest Iowa Community College
603 West Park Street
Sheldon, IA 51201
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Southeastern Community College
1015 South Gear Avenue
P.O. Drawer 180
West Burlington, IA 52655
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Southwestern Community College
1501 West Townline Road
Creston, IA 50801
641.782.1443

Western Iowa Tech Community College
4647 Stone Avenue, Box 5199
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