

Employability Skills

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Technical Assistance Provider: Employability Skills

Building community college students' employability skills increases their competitiveness in the job market, reveals more workforce opportunities and improves their earnings. To that end, the Technical Assistance Providers for employability skills pursue a systematic incorporation of industry-valued employability skills into community college courses. The employability skills TAP works collaboratively with statewide project directors and key talent to develop and implement effective initiatives that foster students' work-readiness skills.

Areas of expertise include:

- employability/soft skills
- workforce development
- gig economy
- online platforms
- industry recruitment and hiring practices
- career and student development
- college and career advising
- skills-based education
- work-based learning
- work-experience education
- instruction, curriculum and assessment
- lifelong learning and self-development education
- digital badges
- training and professional development

Supporting the Strong Workforce Program

Technical assistance for employability skills supports a number of Strong Workforce Program goals, particularly regional collaboration and student success. Technical assistance works with regional consortia that adopt employability skills as a project-in-common to coordinate trainings for community college faculty, so they have the resources and support to implement skills-based education in their programs. Some of these projects include:

- New World of Work 21st Century Employability Skills, <http://newworldofwork.org/>
- Hi-Touch Healthcare: The Critical Six Soft Skills, <http://ca-hwi.org/>
- CCC Maker, <http://cccmaker.com/>

Supporting colleges in the widespread implementation of employability skills creates more skilled workers, which leads to increased social mobility and fuels regional economies.

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