

Grant Acceptance Form

Name of Grant: Mass Skills Capital Grant

Type of Funder: Commonwealth of Massachusetts Workforce Skills Cabinet

Awarded Amount: \$210,000

Grant Funding Period: 07/01/2019 – 06/30/2020

Project title: One Health Initiative

Program coordinator: Kyle Brenner

Purpose: The scope of this project will allow WTHS to enhance the Allied Health programs into new areas including but not limited to: pharmacy technician, phlebotomy technician, Alzheimer's care provider, and other key allied health support personal through the purchase of equipment that is in keeping with industry standards.

Description of the program: The lead applicant on this project is the Allied Health Academy within Worcester Technical High School. This academy produces CNAs and AVA's through the cooperation of our industry partners, Tufts at Tech Community Veterinary Clinic and UMASS Medical School. Each of these programs will enhance the ability of Worcester's vocational school to produce an increased number of Allied Health students prepared to enter the workforce in central Massachusetts in alignment with the Central MA Regional Workforce Board Blueprint of 2018. The final goal of this project incorporating a One Health mindset into our current exceptional programs and our expanding programs that adds depth to our students - and will allow them to work in local and worldwide health care.

Program location: Worcester Technical High School

Outcomes and Measures: Purchase of this equipment will help to address Central Massachusetts Health Care Employment Needs. According to the regional blueprint, the top occupational groups in which the region facing the most significant employee shortages are: (average). Project addresses labor pool resources in Worcester by expanding the existing labor pool through skill preparation, training, and work support for non-traditional workers in various industries.