

Native American Career and Technical Education Program (NACTEP)

GRANTEE: Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians

TYPE OF INSTITUTION: Tribal Organization

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FEDERAL AWARD: \$479,490

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PROJECT SUMMARY:

The Choctaw Vocational Education Program has demonstrated the value of its exemplary approach in the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians' Economic Development Strategy. The process is threefold: (1) the conduct of a labor market survey to study the labor force characteristics and to project labor market needs consistent with evolving economic development initiatives; (2) coordination with economic development planners to match training with potential employers' needs; (3) and consultation with Tribal enterprise managers to design and deliver training in response to identified employee skill requirements. Currently, the program assists Tribal members in Associate Degree Nursing, Licensed Practical Nursing, Hospitality and Tourism Management, Business and Office Technology, Office Assistant Certificate, Welding and Cutting Certificate, Construction Trades-Carpentry, Automotive Technology, Automotive Technology Certificate, Business and Computer Technology, and Administrative Office Management. To service 108 vocational students enrolled in these technical education programs..

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

- To support economic development initiatives through the reservation labor force such that tribal enterprise and tribal institutions can successfully expand into fields requiring higher technology practices and subsequently pay higher wages and salaries, thereby reducing dependence on public assistance and increasing the standard of living of tribal members.
- Enrollment of 108 tribal members in training components for jobs which exists on the reservation, and for which there are insufficient numbers of Tribal members with career, technical, and academic competencies needed to occupy those positions.

- Ensures the completion of training (either certified or degree) by a minimum on ninety percent (90%) of participants.
- The one hundred percent (100%) placement rate of all participants completing career and technical training. Community college graduates will be either placed in jobs commensurate with their new skills or will continue college. High School students, Adult Administrative Office Management will either continue educational pursuits or gain improved employment.

EDUCATIONAL LEVEL(S) OF PARTICIPANTS: Secondary and Postsecondary

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION TRAINING PROGRAMS:

<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>CERTIFICATION</u>
Health Careers	Certificate/Degree/National Examination/State Certification
Automotive Technology	Two-Year Associate Degree of Applied Science
Business & Office Technology	Two-Year Associate Degree of Applied Science
Hospitality & Tourism Management	Two-Year Associate Degree of Applied Science
Automotive Technology Certificate	One-Year Career and Technical Certificate
Construction Trades Certificate	One-Year Career and Technical Certificate
Office Assistant Certificate	One-Year Career and Technical Certificate
Welding & Cutting	One-Year Career and Technical Certificate
Administrative Office Management	Certificate
H.S. Business & Computer Technology	Certificate

AVAILABLE DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO STUDENTS:

Counseling	Textbooks	Career Placement
Tutoring	Trade Tools	Computer Resource Center

NUMBER OF PROGRAM SITES: 7

PARTNERSHIPS & COLLABORATIVES:

Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians' Tribal Chief
 Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians' Human Resource
 Pearl River Resort Human Resource
 Choctaw Resort Development Enterprise
 Tribal Scholarship Program
 Choctaw Health Center
 Choctaw Residential Center
 Tribal Maintenance Program

ACCREDITATION STATUS:

Accredited through the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools