



Tribally Controlled Postsecondary Career and Technical Institutions Program

Background

Each year under the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (Perkins V) statute, Section 117, Congress appropriates approximately \$10 million under the Tribally Controlled Postsecondary Career and Technical Institutions Program (TCPCTIP) to tribally controlled postsecondary career and technical institutions that do not receive assistance under the Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities Assistance Act or the Navajo Community College Act to provide basic support for the education and training Indian students.

The TCPCTIP grantees are authorized to use grant funds for expenses associated with capital expenditures, maintenance and operation of programs, expansion and improvement of educational offerings and student support services, including tuition and fees, books, childcare, counseling, job placement, transportation, supplies, and specialized tools and uniforms that are required for students to fully participate in career and technical education programs.

TCPCTIP grantees also provide professional development opportunities to its instructors, administrators, and TCPCTIP staff to support preparation for high-skill, high-wage, or in-demand occupations in established or emerging professions. Students are provided career and technical education opportunities to attain one-year and two-year certificates, as well as two-year associate degrees.

Recent Timeline

In September 2020, OCTAE made two non-competing continuation TCPCTIP grant awards as authorized by Perkins V.

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TCPCTIP Grantees

Navajo Technical University NTU is a tribally controlled postsecondary public tribal land-grant university located in Crown Point, New Mexico. NTU was created in response to the higher education needs of American Indians. NTU serves a geographically isolated population that by providing training to students in careers that lead to self-sufficiency and independence. At its inception as the Navajo Skill Center in 1979, students learn the rudiments of a trade, graduated, and joined the workforce in and around the Navajo Nation. The University offers a broad selection of certificate and degree programs, each designed to prepare students for entry into careers and further education. NTU is a member of the American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC), a community of tribally and federally chartered institutions. NTU has an enrollment of approximately 3052 undergraduate students.

United Tribes Technical College UTTC is a tribally controlled postsecondary private tribal land-grant community college located in Bismarck, North Dakota. UTTC is a regionally accredited institution, having maintained continuous accreditation through the Higher Learning Commission since 1982 and currently through 2021. UTTC has a variety of academic programs ranging from certificates to bachelor's degree programs and is the first tribal college in the nation authorized to offer fully online degree programs. UTTC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation incorporated in the state of North Dakota and operated by these five tribes: Three Affiliated Tribes of Fort Berthold, the Spirit Lake Tribe, the Sisseton-Wahpeton Ojibwe, the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, and the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians. UTTC provides opportunities for students to acquire the knowledge and skills to graduate and pursue a career and become leaders among tribal nations. UTTC has an enrollment of approximately 1244 undergraduate students.