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CSN Trains Workforce in Six Key Areas

LAS VEGAS, January 25, 2012 — A recent Brookings Institution [report](#), commissioned by the state in AB 449, identified six industry sectors that have the highest potential to restore growth and jobs, spawn innovation and drive economic diversification in Nevada, including tourism, gaming, and entertainment; health and medical services; business IT ecosystems; clean energy; mining, materials, and manufacturing; logistics and operations; and aerospace and defense.

CSN offers training in all of these sectors in cooperation with a number of business, government and nonprofit partners in the community.

Health and Medical Services

CSN offers education tied directly to the following Southern Nevada jobs:

Cardiorespiratory Therapy Technician	Contact Lens Technician
Dental Assistant	Dental Hygienist
Diagnostic Medical Sonographer	Emergency Medical Technician
Health Information Technician	Medical Coder
Medical Laboratory Assistant	Medical Laboratory Technician
Medical Laboratory Scientist	Medical Office Assistant
Mental Health Technician	Nursing Assistant
Occupational Therapy Assistant	Ophthalmic Dispensing Technician
Paramedic	Pharmacy Technician
Phlebotomist	Physical Therapist Assistant
Practical Nurse	Radiation Therapy
Registered Nurse	Surgical Technician
Veterinary Technician	Dialysis Technician
Health Unit Coordinator	

In addition, the CSN nursing program trains approximately one-third of all of the nurses in Nevada and the CSN Division of Workforce & Economic Development offers a dialysis program that has had great success in training and job placement of healthcare workers.

CSN recently received federal funding to deliver training in electronic health records to students online to prepare a workforce for physician offices throughout Nevada. CSN also recently received a grant to develop curriculum to train home health aides and personal care attendants.

Tourism, Gaming, and Entertainment

CSN has long provided support to the hospitality industry, training gaming dealers, restaurant chefs, food service managers, food preparation workers, theatre technicians, photographers, videographers and commercial music producers or managers.



The hospitality industry has also been supported through customized training programs (non-credit) through the CSN Division of Workforce & Economic Development (DWED), such as a facility maintenance technician program and delivery of English as a Second Language and GED classes.

Business IT Ecosystems

CSN is a participant with the University of Massachusetts in a National Science Foundation Grant entitled *Broadening Advanced Technological Education Connections* (BATEC). The goal of this grant is to develop the IT professional for the 21st century workplace. Programs in computer/internet/digital forensics, electronic engineering technology, IT hardware, IT management, telecommunications, wireless communications, networking, and software development will be enhanced through the efforts of BATEC in curriculum and professional development, outreach and advancement and research and dissemination.

Clean Energy

CSN's Division of Apprenticeship Studies recently received a \$400,000 State Energy Sector Partnership grant allocation from DETR to infuse clean energy techniques into selected apprenticeship programs.

The college's School of Advanced & Applied Technologies integrates green technology curricula into its existing programs. For instance, the Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning program trains students in secondary loop refrigeration systems that help businesses reduce cost and greenhouse gas emissions and trains technicians in gas heat pump technology, which can heat and cool facilities for a fraction of the energy required by traditional systems. CSN's construction technology degree and certificate programs teach students sustainable construction technology, such as photovoltaic installation and weatherization and the LEED rating system, and the automotive and diesel technology programs have integrated alternative fuels throughout their curriculum.

Mining, Materials, and Manufacturing

CSN's Division of Workforce and Economic Development provides OSHA safety training for this sector and participates in the Dream It, Do It initiative for manufacturing in Nevada.

Logistics and Operations

CSN offers programs in Diesel Heavy Equipment and Collision Repair.

Aerospace and Defense

CSN offers programs in Aviation Technology, Electronic Engineering Technology, and Emergency Management. CSN is currently under contract to the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to offer coursework in Homeland Security to TSA employees at McCarran International Airport.

If you are interested in discussing any of these programs further or learning more about our local businesses, industries and associations in which we currently partner, please contact CSN's Office of Communications to set up an interview.

About CSN:

Founded in 1971, the College of Southern Nevada (csn.edu) is the state's largest and most ethnically diverse higher education institution. CSN offers more than 200 degree and certificate options in more than 130 areas of study, including 30 degree and certificate programs available entirely online. Students create flexible, personalized schedules, including day, evening, and weekend classes taught on three main campuses and multiple locations throughout Southern Nevada. CSN — Your future starts here.



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