Lorain County Community College leads Ohio TechNet (OTN), a consortium of 11 Ohio community colleges, 430+ employers, workforce partners from 71 counties and the State of Ohio. This statewide initiative addresses the skills gap by developing targeted manufacturing training programs for transitioning adults.

Ohio TechNet was developed as a result of a sizable U.S. Department of Labor investment. Innovative, industry-aligned programs in five major advanced manufacturing industries are developed and enhanced to serve a diverse population of adults, including displaced workers eligible for training under the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) for Workers program and veterans.

**ADULTS ARE LEARNING INDUSTRY-RECOGNIZED SKILLS FOR IN-DEMAND OCCUPATIONS** that provide family-supporting wages.

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*as of September 30, 2017.

**131 PROGRAMS OF STUDY**

many with stackable credentials, have been developed or redesigned to help adults earn skills that lead to careers with family-supporting wages.

Program innovations include:

**INDUSTRY ALIGNED CURRICULUM**
developed with engagement of more than 430 employer partners.

**ACCELERATED LEARNING STRATEGIES**
including credit for prior learning, competency-based models, and innovative models to increase access to credentials for underprepared learners.

**HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE**
including on-the-job training, internships, and registered apprenticeships.

**KEY COLLABORATIONS**
Partnering nationally and statewide to address Ohio’s manufacturing skills gap.

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