Lorain County Community College leads Ohio TechNet (OTN), a consortium that included 11 Ohio community colleges, 500+ employers, and workforce partners from 71 counties and the State of Ohio under the Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCT) grant. This statewide initiative addressed the skills gap by developing targeted manufacturing training programs for transitioning adults.

Ohio TechNet was developed as a result of a sizable TAACCT grant investment, through the U.S. Department of Labor. Innovative, industry-aligned programs in five major advanced manufacturing industries were 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 LEARNED INDUSTRY-RECOGNIZED SKILLS FOR IN-DEMAND OCCUPATIONS**
that provide family-sustaining wages.

2248 INDIVIDUALS ENROLLED IN OTN PROGRAMS

1985 CREDENTIALS EARNED BY STUDENTS IN OTN PROGRAMS

500+ EMPLOYER PARTNERS

$1.6M FEDERAL INVESTMENT IN STATE-OF-THE-ART EQUIPMENT

146 PROGRAMS OF STUDY
many with stackable credentials, were developed or redesigned to help adults earn skills that lead to careers with family-sustaining wages.

Program innovations include:

**INDUSTRY ALIGNED CURRICULUM**
developed with engagement of more than 500 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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