



# Community College Gap Assistance Program

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## OVERVIEW

The Community College Gap Assistance program was established by the Nebraska Legislature in 2015 to address identified skilled workforce shortages. The program provides financial aid to low-income community college students enrolled in credit or non-credit programs of study that prepare them for jobs in high-need fields but are not eligible for Pell or state Nebraska Opportunity Grants, which serve only students enrolled in for-credit courses leading to certificates or degrees. The Gap Assistance program addresses an identified affordability and workforce preparation “gap.”

## WHAT TYPES OF PROGRAMS ARE OFFERED?

Currently, a diverse list of over 340 non-credit and credit programs are available. The full list is available on the CCPE website at [ccpe.nebraska.gov/gap](http://ccpe.nebraska.gov/gap).

*Examples:* OSHA, Welding, A+ Certification, Accounting and Finance, Paralegal, Bookkeeper, Medical Coding and Billing, Pharmacy Technician, Certified Nursing Assistant, Renewable Energy, EMT, Commercial Truck Driving.

## WHAT CAN GAP COVER?

Partial or full amounts for tuition, required books and equipment, and fees (including industry testing).

## WHERE DO STUDENTS APPLY?

In-person or online depending on the community college. Applicants should check with their community college contact person.

## HOW IS THE PROGRAM FUNDED?

Funding for the Gap Assistance program is provided through a quarterly transfer of 9% from the Education Improvement fund, which receives 44.5% of lottery proceeds - about \$1.8 million each year.

## BY THE NUMBERS

| <b>Training Status (as of December 2019)</b> | <b>Cumulative</b> |
|--|-------------------|
| Number of Completed Applications             | 609               |
| Number of Approved Participants              | 553               |
| Status of Approved Participants              |                   |
| Waiting to Participate                       | 28                |
| Enrolled, not completed                      | 47                |
| Completed Training                           | 387               |
| Completion Rate                              | 79%               |
| Did Not Complete Training                    | 102               |

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