

Press Release



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ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR FREE TECHNOLOGY TRAINING PROGRAMS

Tampa Bay TechHire Initiative will Fund Training for IT and Healthcare Industries

HILLSBOROUGH & PINELLAS COUNTIES (August 18, 2016) – CareerSource Tampa Bay is now accepting applications for Tampa Bay TechHire. Funded with a nearly \$3.8M grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Labor, the program will create career pathways for over 1,000 of the region's workforce.

Unemployed and underemployed young adults, ages 17-29, with barriers to training and employment and front-line incumbent workers will receive accelerated skills training, certifications, and work experience to obtain or advance along a career pathway leading to high-demand, middle to high skill jobs in the IT and healthcare industries.

The program will expand the content of technology education and training currently available in the region and provide accelerated training through skills training, on-the-job training, and paid early professional internships. Training programs include CompTIA A+, Java Programming, Mobile Applications Development, Web Development, and Phlebotomy.

Consistent with the White House TechHire Initiative, this grant program will focus on providing workers the skills for a pathway to the middle class while providing employers with the skilled technology workers needed to grow and expand. Funding under the grant will cover the cost of tuition, lab, licensure, and certification fees, with a goal of preparing participants for well-paying jobs in information technology and healthcare.

Training will be provided by Hillsborough Community College, Hillsborough County School District - Workforce and Continuing Education, St. Petersburg College, University Area Community Development Corporation, and the University of South Florida.

Participants must be between the ages of 17-29 and unemployed or underemployed, and additional program eligibility requirements apply. Priority of service will be giving to veterans, including recently separated veterans and eligible spouses.

For more information or to apply, visit <http://bit.ly/TBTechHire>.

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