

## Short-term HIT Certificates through Oregon's Community Colleges

A consortium of Oregon community colleges has joined the nationwide effort to train and find employment for workers to help fill the projected HIT worker gap. During the course of a two-year federal stimulus grant, the consortium will target unemployed individuals with health care or information technology experience or education as well as currently employed workers in both fields who are ready to take advantage of the opportunity to enhance their careers.

Several colleges have developed training programs of six months or less to prepare targeted individuals for employment in the HIT field. The consortium has access the latest HIT curricula and competence exams developed specifically for community colleges by leaders in the HIT world. Each college combines its current offerings with the new curricula to meet local demand through traditional classroom and online offerings.

The colleges use their connections with local employers to help place newly-trained HIT workers in jobs that will promote the adoption and meaningful use of EHR systems in Oregon.

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