

Native American Career and Technical Education Program (NACTEP)

GRANTEE: Cherokee Nation

TYPE OF INSTITUTION: Tribal Organization

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FEDERAL AWARD: \$582,196

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PROJECT SUMMARY:

The Native American Career Technology Education Program provides in-house vocational training opportunities in Business Technology and Child Care Occupations and partners with Indian Capital Technology Center for Health Careers. In addition to the specific training components, participants may require basic skills instruction or GED preparation, both of which are provided by Career Services' Career Literacy Center. All participants are also registered with the Oklahoma Career Information System (OKCIS), entered into the Career Services Job Bank system, and test for WorkKeys certification.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

In order to provide individuals with the skills needed for employment

- 15 individuals will complete Business Technology training each project year.
- 10 individuals will complete requirements for Child Development Associate credentials each project year.
- 15 individuals will complete training in various health careers each project year.

EDUCATIONAL LEVEL(S) OF PARTICIPANTS:

Postsecondary

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION TRAINING AREAS:

AREA

CERTIFICATION STATUS

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| Office Occupations | Microsoft Office User Specialist Certification |
| Child Care Occupations | Child Development Associate Credential |
| Health Careers Occupations | Certificate |

AVAILABLE DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO STUDENTS:

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| Counseling | Social Service Referral |
| Transportation | Basic Skills/GED Instruction |
| Child Care | Life/Employment Skills Instruction |
| Testing | Placement Assistance |

NUMBER OF PROGRAM SITES: 1

PARTNERSHIPS & COLLABORATIVES:

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| Workforce Investment Act | Cherokee Nation Career Services |
| Indian Capital Technology Center | Cherokee Nation Child Development Center |
| Potential Employers | Cherokee Nation Career Literacy |
| | Cherokee Nation Human Resources |

ACCREDITATION STATUS:

Career Services is an authorized MOUS testing site.

The Child Development Associate Credential training offered is nationally recognized credential through the Council for Early Childhood Professional Recognition. The Credential is incorporated into the childcare licensing regulations of 47 states and the District of Columbia. In addition, this training is taught in collaboration with the University of Oklahoma, College of Continuing Education, and the state Vocational Technical Training System. The CDA credential has become a recognized part of the career training ladder in the state for early childhood professionals. Coursework matriculates to the two year college system, resulting in six hours of college credit and allowing the students opportunities to further their education beyond this program.

Indian Capital Technology Center is accredited by the North Central Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges.

LINK TO NACTEP PROGRAM

<http://www.cherokee.org/Services/36/Page/default.aspx>