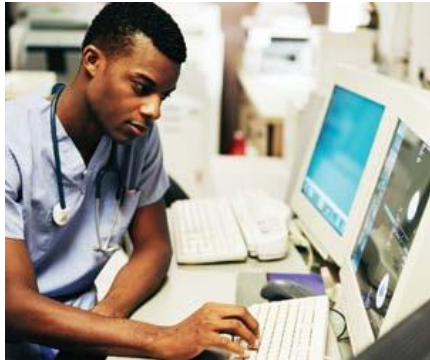


## Tri-C Receives Federal Grant to Train Long-Term Unemployed



The U.S. Department of Labor has announced a new grant to Cuyahoga Community College of more than \$4 million over four years from the H-1B competition, *H-1B: Increasing Credentials and Competencies of Long-Term Dislocated Workers for Employment in High-Wage/High Growth IT and HIT Occupations*.

This project is designed to fill workforce shortages in information technology network and health information technology occupations.

The H-1B project will target the long-term unemployed, with special efforts to recruit minorities and women. Each year it will train 80 students in the IT network professional pathway and 90 students in the HIT pathway, for a total of 680 trainees over four years. Students completing the program will have the potential to be placed in jobs averaging hourly wages of \$26.49, or about \$55,000 per year.

Susan Muha, Executive Vice President of Cuyahoga Community College's Workforce and Economic Development Division, is the grant's project director. Project partners include the Council of Smaller Enterprises (COSE) and Employment Connection (Cuyahoga County's local Workforce Investment Board).