BCT awarded $2.75 million grant to retrain unemployed for nursing jobs

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Bellingham Technical College has been awarded a $2.75 million grant to provide training for unemployed workers, including those displaced by retrenchment, to prepare them for high-demand jobs in health care, specifically nursing.

The funds came from the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, which is focused on promoting workforce development and career services, including training, education, and retraining.

‘BCT will work closely with employers to ensure funding is targeted and $2.75 million will be used to provide training and support to unemployed skilled workers who have been laid off or have taken early retirement or other forms of unemployment.’

The program will offer a variety of courses, including job search assistance, resume and cover letter writing, interview skills, and industry-specific training in areas such as medical terminology, patient care, and clinical skills.

The goal of the program is to help workers gain the skills and knowledge they need to be competitive in the job market and to prepare them for high-demand jobs in the health care sector.