The Carl D. Perkins Basic Grant Program, at Blinn College, is a federally-funded program that provides community colleges with resources to enhance and develop programs that serve faculty, staff, and students in career and technical education departments. The grant contains benchmarks that measure the effectiveness of all programs; however, the specificity of fund usage at each college can vary widely.

At Blinn College, the Perkins Grant is used to fund positions and resources which seek to accomplish the following objectives:

- To promote an effective retention program for students in Applied Sciences courses and programs.
- To supply financial assistance to students in special population categories.
- To build and enhance high-quality Applied Sciences program offerings.
- To improve licensure pass rates in all applicable Applied Sciences programs.
- To offer engaging recruitment presentations and activities for prospective students in the College’s 13-county service area.
- To facilitate community partnerships by maximizing resources to promote economic development within our service region.
- To provide job placement services for students who complete Applied Sciences programs.

Financial Assistance

Perkins Grant assistance is available on a first-come, first-serve basis to students who are Applied Sciences majors and fall into one or more special population categories. Assistance is provided to help defray the cost of textbooks and transportation, as funding is available.

Academic Tutoring

Academic tutoring is available to assist students who are Applied Sciences majors. The tutors are available at no charge to assist with required courses in areas such as: Business Management, Accounting, Information Management, Criminal Justice, Child Development, Computer Information Technology, and various Allied Health programs.

Skill Development

“Help is on the Way!”

Not all students arrive on campus with the academic or study skills they need to be successful in their college courses. Each semester a series of workshops are offered to help students build skills in a number of personal and academic areas. These one-hour workshops are scheduled on varying dates and times to accommodate students’ work and school schedules.

Career Preparation Presentations

Blinn College realizes that not all prospective students initially have the information and understanding they need to make decisions about enrolling in college. To assist these students with career and educational choices, the college provides informational presentations to the community.

College staff work with public schools, community organizations, correctional institutions, and other groups to advise prospective students in making informed choices about their educational future: This information includes helpful steps related to financial aid and career exploration.
Closing the Gaps by 2015 Revised Goals and Targets Summary

Goal #1 Closing the Gaps in Participation
Revised Goal: By 2015, close the gaps in participation rates to add 630,000 more students.

Goal #2 Closing the Gaps in Success
Revised Goal: By 2015, award 210,000 undergraduate degrees, certificates and other identifiable student successes from high quality programs.

Goal #3 Closing the Gaps in Success: Allied Health and Nursing
Revised Target: Increase the number of students completing allied health and nursing bachelor’s and associate’s degrees and certificates to 20,300 by 2010; and to 26,100 by 2015.

Goal #4 Closing the Gaps in Success: Teacher Education
Revised Targets for All Teacher Certification Routes: Increase the number of teachers initially certified through all teacher certification routes to 34,600 by 2010; and to 44,700 by 2015.

Increase the number of math and science teachers certified through all teacher certification routes to 6,500 by 2015.

Goal #5 Closing the Gaps in Research
Revised Goal and Target: By 2015, increase the level of federal science and engineering research and development obligations to Texas institutions to 6.5 percent of obligations to higher education institutions across the nation.

Source: www.thecb.state.tx.us

TEXASgenuine Careers.

A federally-funded program that provides community colleges with resources to enhance and develop programs in career and technical education divisions.