



**CANKDESKA CIKANA
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**
Spirit Lake Dakota Nation

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Tribal College Grant

In 2013, the North Dakota Legislature passed landmark legislation in support of the work of five tribal colleges in the State. Administered by the North Dakota Department of Commerce as a workforce development initiative, it is called the Tribal College Grant (TCG). Through June 2015, Cankdeska Cikana Community College (CCCC) received approximately \$1.2 million and for the new biennium (2015-2017), CCCC has been awarded \$829,000 to continue the program. The State's investment in the CCCC TCG has made it possible for CCCC to accomplish the following:

Establish new courses and programs of study

- Construction Management, AAS
- Professional Driver, AAS (includes CDL licensing and entrepreneurship training)
- Small Business Development courses including marketing and bookkeeping
- Training seminars to improve the workforce (first aid, computer skills, etc.)

Establish a CCCC Business Development Center

- 3,200 square feet of space
- 4 Business incubators with a community presentation/conference room
- Lifelike computerized Transportation Simulator to improve driving skills
- A semi-tractor & trailer for real OTR (over the road) training
- Staffed with 3 faculty, 1 placement officer, and 1 coordinator
- Grand opening March 7, 2015 with many key legislators/community members

Student Success Include

- 11 Professional Drivers currently enrolled, waiting list nearly full for next session
- 8 students currently enrolled in Construction Management and Business courses
- 1 Business has started operating in the Business Center
- Advisement of CCCC Cafe to ensure successful profit center for the college with a healthful focus, variety of menu items, catering services, and consistent services

Previous Successes Impacted 189 Participants

- 36 participants in the construction trades
- 28 participants in first aid training
- 36 participants in office application software training
- 39 participants in job seeking workshops
- 30 participants in five small business workshops