

Wake Technical Community College

The goal of the Wake Tech program aligns with ED's HEP program: to assist eligible Migrant and Seasonal Farm Workers (MSFWs) and immediate family to obtain the equivalent of a secondary school diploma and subsequently to gain improved employment, enter into military service, or be placed in an institution of higher education (IHE) or other postsecondary education or training. To achieve this goal, the Wake Tech HEP program will achieve the following main objectives:

- a) 85 students will receive academic and supportive services each program year;
- b) at least 75% of participants will obtain an HSE credential each program year;
- c) at least 80% of attainers will be placed in postsecondary programs or training, career advancement, and/or the military.

Since 2018, all Wake Tech HEP instruction, tutoring, and testing has taken place online (no physical sites other than the HEP staff office), allowing the program to reach students statewide. Students receive all instructional materials and technology tools needed for their participation, including internet access when needed, through the HEP program.

This project addresses Competitive Preference Priority 1 – Flexible and Affordable Paths via student assessments such as the “My Next Move”/“Mi Próximo Paso” survey, working with project partners, and strengthening collaboration with the college's emerging apprenticeship program. Wake Tech's HEP program addresses Competitive Preference Priority 2 – Consideration of Prior Experience via our award-winning and high-performing program history beginning in 2001. Wake Tech's HEP program design, which includes a proficiency-based HSE curriculum, and synchronous and asynchronous online delivery embedded with support structures and strong multicultural presence which follows best practices for Hispanic student success in online learning addresses Invitational Priority 2 – Support for Remote Learning.