The Community College Consortia to Educate Information Technology Professionals in Health Care is a nationwide training effort utilizing community colleges throughout the country to provide six month training programs in six Health IT workforce roles.

The purpose of the Health IT Workforce Training Program is to prepare a workforce to assist in the implementation of the conversion from paper to electronic health records in doctors’ offices and clinics throughout the country. Administered by the Office of National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC), the consortia is comprised of five regional groups of more than 70 member community colleges in all 50 states. These community colleges will receive $70 million in grants to develop or improve non-degree health IT training programs that students can complete in six months or less.

Santa Barbara City College is a member college of Region B and sub award recipient of the 2 year grant. The $10,000,000 grant received by Los Rios Community College District, provided sub awards to a 14 community college consortia. Ten California community colleges are participating along with four other community colleges in Hawaii, Arizona and Nevada.

Santa Barbara City College is expected to train 150 students each year for 2 years in the role of Clinician Practitioner Consultant. The Office of National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) in Washington D.C. recommends backgrounds for participants being trained in the role of Clinician Practitioner Consultant to be: Health License, MD, RN, PharmD, Rad Tech, OT, PT, Med Assistant, HIT Certificate or Degree. Students will be assisted with finding employment opportunities after completing the six month training program.

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