Since 1992, the mission of Project QUEST has been to strengthen the economy by developing highly qualified employees for in-demand occupations that offer a living wage, benefits, and a career path.

In 2015, QUEST served 1088 participants by assisting with tuition, fees, textbooks, supplies, childcare, transportation, and emergency assistance. The program placed 362 individuals that represent 26 demand occupations ranging from Healthcare to Information Technology to Professional Trades. The average wage per hour for a QUEST graduate in 2015 was $21.40/ hour. Over the next five years, these placements will yield a Return on Investment (ROI) of $17.67.

**WHAT WE DO**

- Identify demand driven occupations
- Recruit adults with GED or High School Diploma
- Partner with local colleges to provide job-ready, high skilled education and training
- Provide specialized case management, career coaching, and financial support services to enable successful graduation & job placement

**PARTICIPANT DEMOGRAPHICS**

- 27% Single Parents
- 47% Under 27 years of age
- 12% African American
- 60% Hispanic
- 75% Women
- 27% Receive Public Assistance

**2015 CAREER TRACKS**

- Registered Nurses: 51%
- Licensed Vocational Nurses: 19%
- Other Healthcare: 13%
- Information Technology: 11%
- Trades/ Other: 6%

**PROGRAM OUTCOMES**

**FY'15:** 350% annual earnings increase from $9,365 pre-QUEST to $42,097 post-QUEST

- 90% placement rate.
- 90% job retention after one year.

**Annual Wage Increase**

- Class of 2009-2010: Pre-QUEST $10,700, Post-QUEST $37,900
- Class of 2010-2011: Pre-QUEST $10,000, Post-QUEST $39,300
- Class of 2011-2012: Pre-QUEST $10,816, Post-QUEST $39,454
- Class of 2012-2013: Pre-QUEST $8,498, Post-QUEST $37,477
- Class of 2013-2014: Pre-QUEST $9,140, Post-QUEST $42,003
- Class of 2014-2015: Pre-QUEST $9,365, Post-QUEST $42,097

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