Bringing Apprenticeships to Scale Lessons Learned along the Journey

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Apprenticeships: A Win-Win Enterprise

We believe that our community deserves a dedicated partner that will listen attentively, show up consistently, and creatively bring solutions to new and old problems











Apprenticeship Core Components

EMPLOYER DRIVEN

ON THE JOB LEARNING

ANNUAL WAGE INCREASES

RELATED INSTRUCTION

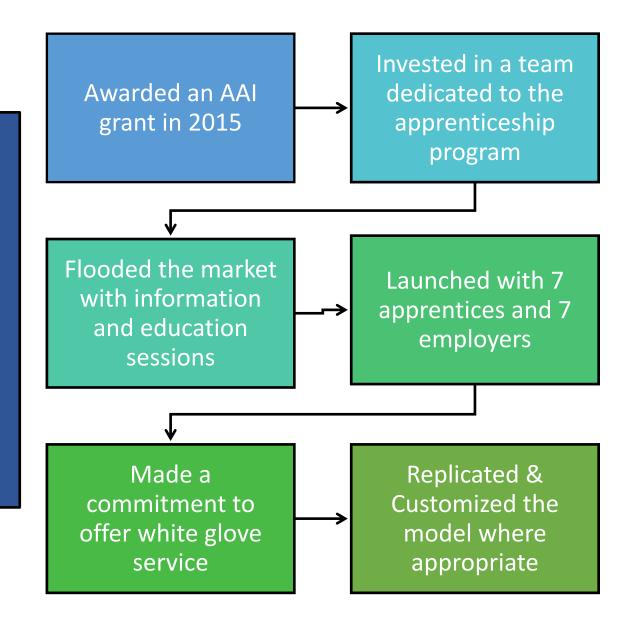
> NATIONAL CREDENTIALS







The Apprenticeship Journey at Harper College









Harper's RA Apprenticeship Programs

RA Programs (3yr AAS degree)

- Industrial Maintenance Mechanic
- CNC Precision Machining
- Mechatronics/Automation

RA Programs (2yr AAS degree)

- Banking & Finance
- General Insurance
- Graphic Arts Print Production
- IT Generalist
- Marketing and Sales Management
- Supply Chain Management
- Management
- Private Security Certificate



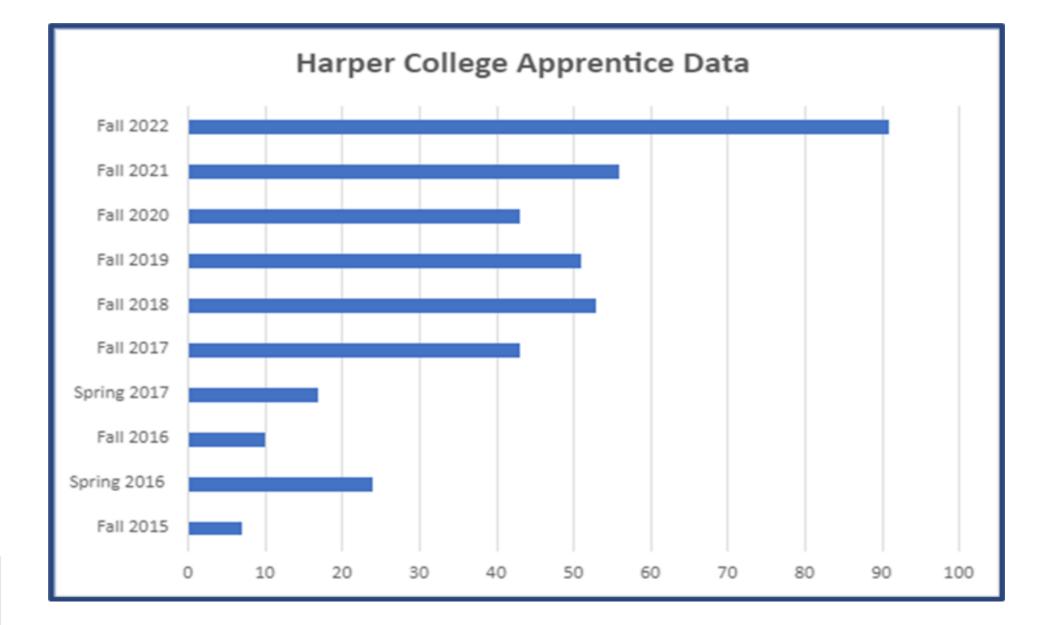


Harper's Customized Apprenticeship Programs

Health Careers Programs

- Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)
- Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)
- Medical Assistant (MA)
- Registered Nurse (RN)
- Sterile Processing
- Surgical Tech









Harper's "White Glove" Service

Employer kept informed of apprentice's academic progress and any class issues

Apprentice coach works consistently with apprentice

Employer site visits with mentors

Tutors scheduled, as needed

Mentorship Online Program for mentors









Graduation Rate is **72%** compared to 38% for the college

38% increase in apprenticeship enrollments compared to this time last year

Currently, onboarding 85 apprentices for Fall 2023











































































What We Learned...

- Faculty: Don't "tell" them "sell" them on the idea of apprenticeships
- You must build & create programs side by side with your employer partners
- Have a hiring deadline which aligns with enrollment patterns
- Get started by leveraging C-Suite conversations

- Find funds for willing employers who are not well funded
- You must be a RA sponsor. Make the work "light" for your employer partners
- Info Sessions will ALWAYS be necessary
- Do not be afraid to pivot or to fail
- Always Be Closing!





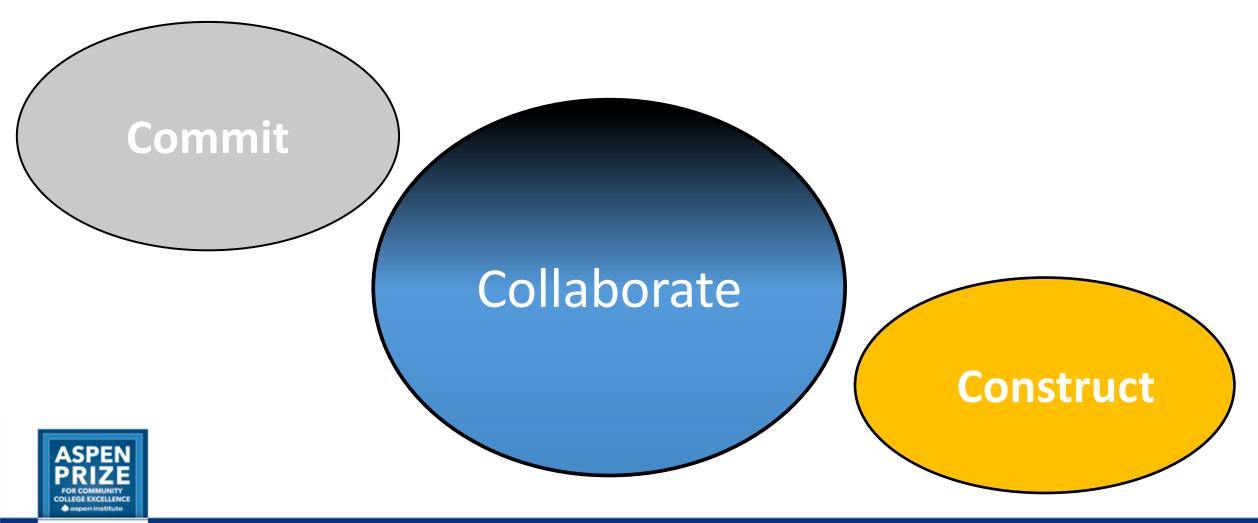
Are your Ready to Partner for Success?







Key Takeaways: The 3 C's of Apprenticeships





Questions!





