



Informational Flyer  
**ECHO** Grant  
October 2009

Stark State College of Technology was awarded the **ECHO** Grant in spring 2008. This is a three year Department of Labor (DOL) ETA (Employment and Training) CBJT (Community Based Job Training) Grant and **ECHO** is an acronym for **Expanding Capacity in Health Occupations**. Due to the growing healthcare needs in the nation, and specifically in our region, the goal of the grant is to bring additional qualified healthcare workers into the workforce. This will be accomplished through increasing the number of clinical sites, accommodating additional students in the new Health Sciences Building – J Building , expanding programs to underserved surrounding communities, and identifying additional programs to address the growing need in healthcare.

Within the Health Technologies Division, students are identified as **ECHO** students. The student signs an Academic Release Form for the purpose of tracking and reporting data for the **ECHO** Project. The specific programs are:

- Dietary Manager (Spring 2010)
- Dietetic Technician (in development)
- EFDA
- EMT-Paramedic
- Massage Therapy (at Wayne College)
- Medical Assisting
- Medical Coding
- Medical Laboratory (in Wayne County)
- RN Expansion
- RN Completion for LPN (in Wayne County)
- RN Completion for Paramedics

There are scholarship dollars available to **ECHO** students. The grant may assist in shortening the wait list for some Health Technologies programs. **REMINDER:** *Not all Health Technologies Division programs have a wait list*

Each of the departments within the Health Technologies Division is aware of the grant and the programs associated with the grant. If you have additional questions about the grant and its associated programs, please feel free to contact me at extension 4645. Any program specific question may be directed to the respective department.

Thank you,

Donna Alexander  
Project Director  
**ECHO** Grant