

# Greater Lowell Tech receives \$90,000 state training grant

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TYNGSBORO — Greater Lowell Technical High School has been awarded a \$90,000 state grant to offer pharmacy technician and emergency medical technician training to unemployed residents in the area.

The grant, announced last week by Superintendent Jill Davis, is part of the Baker-Polito administration's \$4.6 million Rapid Reemployment program. Grants support training for residents who have experienced an employment interruption due to COVID-19 and help place them in high-demand job categories.

Training will begin in September. PrideStar EMS will provide an instructor, and MassHire Greater Lowell will screen and place applicants. Each program will seat up to 10 students.

"It is vital for Greater Lowell Technical High School to prepare adult students to successfully meet the needs of local businesses," Davis said in a statement. "We appreciate the Baker-Polito administration's support of our training programs and of Career Technical Education."

The Rapid Reemployment Program is designed to assist businesses in developing a pipeline of workers to meet their needs and provide better lifetime earnings potential for those whose job prospects have been affected disproportionately by the pandemic.

"As Massachusetts focuses on economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, it is important that we think strategically about getting people back to work and increasing our investments in programs that are successfully serving local businesses and people most affected," Gov. Charlie Baker said in a statement. "The Rapid Reemployment Program can help thousands of people get access to high demand jobs in the commonwealth through workforce training and building skills to get people hired quickly."

The grants are funded through the federal CARES Act.

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