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Apprenticeships in Your Career Pathways

Expect increased focus on apprenticeships as part of career pathways.

(from **Work in Progress**, the official blog of the Department of Labor, *The First-Ever White House Summit on American Apprenticeship* by [Secretary Perez and Jeff Zients](#) on July 14, 2014)

This fall, the president will make available \$100 million in [American Apprenticeship Grants](#) to increase apprenticeship in high-growth fields; align apprenticeships with further learning and career advancement opportunities; and take successful apprenticeship models to scale. And the president continues to call on Congress to create a \$2 billion training fund to help states and regions double the number of apprentices over five years.

And already, we are seeing results — there are now 10,000 more apprenticeships in America since January. Employers and unions ranging from Ford and UPS to the UAW and SEIU have pledged to add tens of thousands more. [Community colleges](#) are stepping up to link apprenticeships with college degrees. And across the country, states like South Carolina (which has already increased apprenticeships sevenfold), California, Minnesota, Michigan and more are using creative state programs to expand their apprenticeships.

Today's White House Summit on American Apprenticeship is a testament to the powerful opportunity before us. Together, we can do more to expand this successful career pathway — helping workers punch their ticket to the middle class and helping business grow and expand.

<http://social.dol.gov/blog/the-first-ever-white-house-summit-on-american-apprenticeship/>

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