

Executive Summary:

Aiken Technical College (ATC) currently addresses the documented regional demand for Radiological Protection Technologists (RPT). Our associate degree and certificate program qualifies RPT's for entry-level positions at NRC-licensed nuclear power stations, DOE facilities, and medical treatment facilities. ATC began an associate degree program in the fall of 2009. ATC is currently at capacity with 100 RPT students. ATC's demographics are as follows: 46% of the student population is between the ages of 20-29, 65% female population, 31% minority, and 74% of our students are low income. The proposed scholarship funding program will enable ATC to enroll more students that are academically prepared and those that are low-income, minority, female, displaced workers returning for career retraining, therefore addressing the current and anticipated regional workforce needs and positioning the region for further nuclear industry development.

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