A Different Approach to Adult Education

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For over 50 years, we have been a family-owned company that takes great pride in its commitment to quality and the patients we serve.





Overview

Distribution into over

135 **COUNTRIES** 900

PRODUCTS

12,000+ **EMPLOYEES**

Manufacturing on

CONTINENTS

16,000 **SKUs**

CLINICAL DIVISIONS





COMPANY STRUCTURE

Cook Group Incorporated

Cook Group Incorporated is made up of 5 different business lines

Resort Business

French Lick
West Baden
Canton Harvester Inn

Property Management Business

CFC Properties

Service Business

Cook Family Health Center

Cook Aviation

Cook Travel

K-Tube
Component Manufacturing

Cook Shared Services

Architecture

Life Sciences Business

Cook Biotech
Regenerative Medicine

Cook Regentec
Cell Therapy

Cook Myosite
Cell Therapy

MED Institute
Contract Service Provider

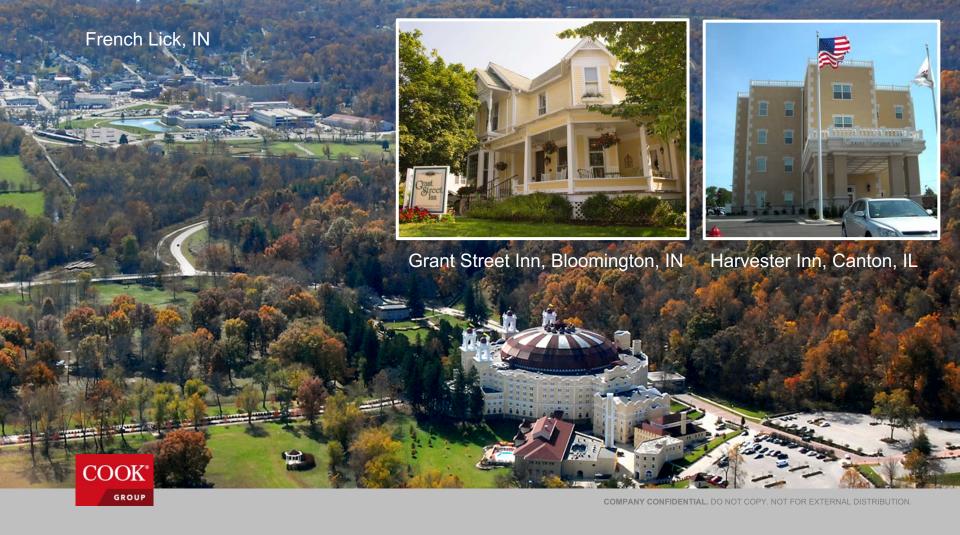
Cook Animal Health

Veterinary Products

Medical Device Business

Cook Medical





COOK COMPANIES EMPLOY

12,581 People Globally

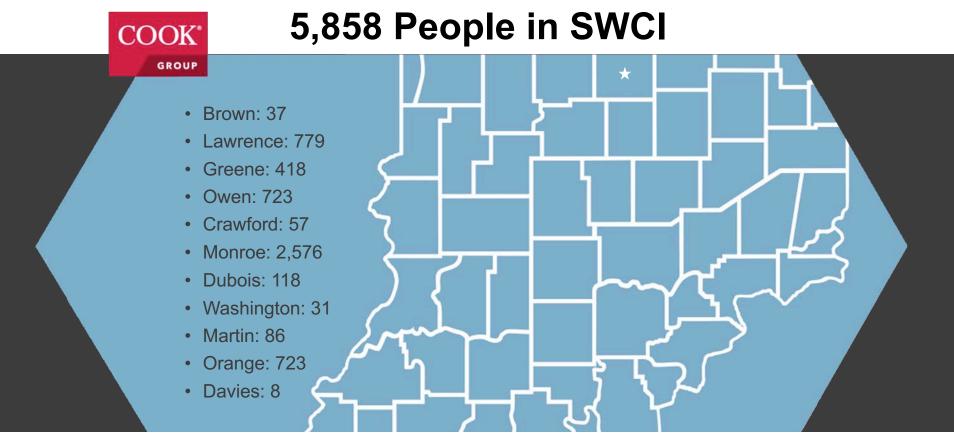


COOK COMPANIES EMPLOY

6,955 Hoosiers



COOK COMPANIES EMPLOY



EXAMPLE

Cook's Philosophy





Our Purpose

We are a family of ethical and entrepreneurial companies that exists to empower people and communities to reach their full potential.



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Our Perspective

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Bill Cook



Our Perspective

"The best thing you can do for someone is give them an education and a job."

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Old School Approach to Employee Education



PREVIOUS PROGRAM

Cook's Old Tuition Benefit

- Benefit established in late 90s
- Similar program to other companies
- Calendar year amount limited to \$4,500
- Grade of "C" or better to qualify
- Reimbursed after submitting course grade (approximately 8 months after employee paid)
- Clawback provision if employee leaves before 3 years



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The Opportunity/Challenge

- Cook mom asked if her son could join the company.
- Give opportunities to people that weren't able to join Cook previously.
- Cook will be recruiting thousands of workers from this area in the next 5-10 years.



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A Systemic Problem: Our Hidden Workforce

Monroe County
has more than
5,000 adults
age 18-64 without
a high school
diploma.

In the 11-county Southwest
Central Indiana region,
29,000 adults
age 18-64 do not have a high
school diploma or High
School Equivalency



STATE-WIDE

Higher Education is a Priority

Governor Holcomb's 2018 goals include:

- Helping 30,000 Hoosiers obtain a high school diploma and a better job.
- Re-enrolling 25,000 college dropouts in school.

BY THE NUMBERS

- 475,000 adult Hoosiers do not have a high school diploma.
- 700,000 Hoosiers have attended some college but have not completed a degree.



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A Systemic Problem: Our Hidden Workforce

- As employers, we can't sit back and wait for highly educated employees to show up at our door.
- We must be active participants in preparing our future workforce



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OUR NEW APPROACH

My Cook Pathway



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My Cook Pathway

Program consists of four elements:



High School Equivalency program



Associate's Degree partnership with Ivy Tech



Bachelor's and Master's Degree (tuition pre-payment)



Professional Development





MY COOK PATHWAY

High School Equivalency Program

Employees earn their HSE degree for free while working part-time at Cook.

- Facilitated through the Adult Education program through MCCSC and Broadview Learning Center
- Only cost to Cook was the \$52 fee to take the TASC test.
- Expanded program to serve 130 employees in January





MY COOK PATHWAY

Higher Education



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Professional Development

- Free Associate's Degree through Ivy Tech
- Partnerships with IWU and WGU for reduced-cost Bachelor's and Master's
- Up-front tuition payment for all other universities



OUR NEW APPROACH

My Cook Pathway

Employee can get an HSE through a Master's degree for as little as \$2,600 out of pocket.



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Professional Development



OUR NEW APPROACH

My Cook Pathway

65
Participants
2015

1,078
Participants
Total

< \$2k

Investment per person



EMPLOYER-SPONSORED PROGRAMS

Five Steps to Creating a Program



STEP ONE

Activate the Hidden Workforce

- Identify jobs that can be filled with workers who only have a high school diploma
- Recruit by combining HSE with a job.

475,000 **Adult Hoosiers**

WITHOUT

High School Diploma



STEP TWO

Remove the Barriers

 Actively recruit people who do not have an HSE degree.

Combination of Job & Diploma
IS A
No-Brainer



STEP THREE

Partner With Local Resources

 Contact your local adult education partners Usually Low Cost to Employer

WITH JUST

\$50 needed for TASC test



STEP FOUR

Post & Promote

- Promote your program on social media and radio
- Focus message on getting your HSE and a job

Social Media
Advertising
IS
Low Cost &
Highly Targeted



STEP FIVE

Beyond an HSE

- Give your current employees a free Associate's Degree from Ivy Tech or community college
- Most qualify for state and federal aid
- Remove the biggest barrier: prepay tuition
- Take away golden handcuffs



CREATING A PROGRAM

Tips for Success



- Allow students to work part-time in the morning and attend class in the afternoon
- Create mentors and program advocates
- Attend graduation
- Be inspired
- Watch the loyalty build!



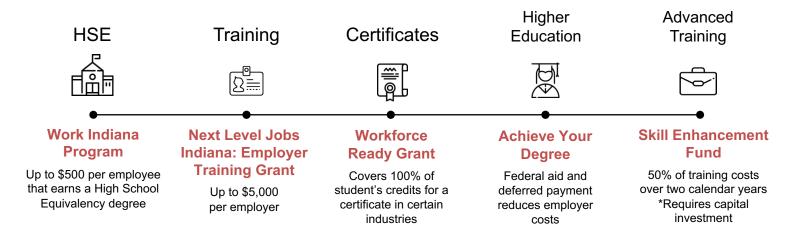
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It costs much less than you think



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Funding for Employee Education



*All students are eligible to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid each calendar year.



CREATING A PROGRAM

Use Cook as Your Example

- We will talk to anyone or any organization
- We are passionate about adult education in Indiana
- Put us to work
- Contact Kim.Rohlfing@CookMedical.com





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