

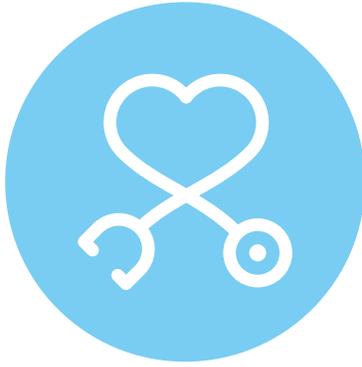
HPOG PROMISING PRACTICE

EDUCATION, TRAINING, & SUPPORT SERVICES

Health Career Pathways Partnership at San Jacinto College



PASADENA, TX



Loan-to-own laptop program ensures student success—no matter where the classroom may be

Removing barriers to education through support services is one of many goals of the [Health Career Pathways Partnership](#) program at San Jacinto College. Funded by Healthcare Profession Opportunity Grants (HPOG), the program provides healthcare education and training to low-income individuals. Health Career Pathways Partnership not only provides tuition assistance for healthcare education and training, but the support services needed to successfully complete it. Support services come in the form of gas cards, funding for supplies, certification exams, and most recently—laptops.

San Jacinto College started a loan-to-own laptop initiative in 2018 for HPOG recipients. Participants are not restricted by limited access to computer labs or libraries. Upon enrollment in the Pathways HPOG program, students are offered entry into the loan-to-own program. Pathways students attend a deployment event to receive and learn about their new devices. In addition to receiving the laptop, San Jacinto issues a Mi-Fi portable wireless internet device, ensuring students always have the opportunity to learn on their own schedule. One student shared: "The laptop has been of a tremendous assistance in several ways. First, it is useful for all my reading, studying and assignments. It also helps me in searching for materials for study and job hunt. The laptop is used for updating my resume and submitting several applications. The portable wi-fi provides great support

especially when my home internet is down, or I am in a place without internet. It is always handy. My assignments were submitted early. I am so grateful for the support from HPOG."

Students must follow three steps to be eligible for the loan-to-own program. First, the student must be enrolled in healthcare training sponsored by the Health Career Pathways Partnership. Second, they must complete the Ready or Not course which teaches computer literacy, resume and cover letter writing, online job search strategies, interview techniques, and mock interviews. Lastly, students are responsible for reporting their employment status to the program. After completing all these items, students retain ownership of the laptop.

Since the loan to own program began, Health Careers Pathways Partnership has loaned out 492 laptops and 350 Mi-Fis. Two hundred and twenty-five students are now the proud owners of their laptops. The loan-to-own initiative gained the attention of other departments in the college and plans are underway to expand it college wide.

"This has been a dream come through for me through the HPOG grant."

– Health Careers Pathways Partnership Participant

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