

HPOG Program Summary



Gateway Community and Technical College Health Profession Opportunity Project

Location:

Covington, Edgewood, and Florence, Kentucky

Program Goals:

- Enroll 945 participants
- Train 528 participants
- Place 482 participants in employment

Health Professions Taught:

Participants receive training enabling them to work as a certified nurse assistant, medical assistant, electronic health records technician, medical coding specialist, emergency medical technician, phlebotomist, paramedic, registered health information technologist, cancer tumor registrant, human services specialist.

Approach:

The Health Profession Opportunity Project responds to the complex and evolving needs of the healthcare industry in the northern Kentucky region. The target population includes Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) recipients and other low-income individuals who meet the income eligibility guidelines for Pell grants. Gateway recognizes risk factors for community college students that can prevent successful completion of a program; therefore, it provides support services such as orientation programs, mentors, and assistance with tuition, childcare and transportation to help students overcome these barriers.

The project provides training and support for participants to ensure career progression along a career ladder in healthcare, with a variety of introductory, short-term, and advanced and longer-term credentials that lead to employment. To accomplish its program goals, Gateway works with several partners including the Department for Community-Based Services; the Northern Kentucky Workforce Investment Board and One Stop Career Centers; and the Kentucky Labor Cabinet, Division of Employment Standards, Apprenticeship and Mediation. Additional partners include St. Elizabeth Healthcare, St. Elizabeth Physicians, Northern Kentucky Head Start, Children's Inc., Area Technical Centers, North Central Area Health Education Center (AHEC), Northern Kentucky University, University of Cincinnati, Lindsey Wilson College and several long-term care facilities in Northern Kentucky.