

Central Community College

Health Education Laddering Program (HELP)

Location: Grand Island, NE

OTHER GRANT INFORMATION

Five Year Project Period: September 30, 2015 - September 29, 2020

Annual Award Amount: \$2,378,471

Type of Organization: Public/State Controlled Institution of Higher Education

Service Area: Adams, Antelope, Arthur, Blaine, Boone, Boyd, Brown, Buffalo, Burt, Butler, Cass, Cedar, Chase, Cherry, Clay, Colfax, Cumming, Custer, Dakota, Dawson, Dixon, Dundy, Fillmore, Franklin, Frontier, Furnas, Gage, Garfield, Gosper, Greeley, Hall, Hamilton, Harlan, Hayes, Hitchcock, Holt, Hooker, Howard, Jefferson, Johnson, Kearney, Keith, Keya Paha, Knox, Lancaster, Lincoln, Logan, Loup, Madison, McPherson, Merrick, Nance, Nemaha, Nuckolls, Otoe, Pawnee, Perkins, Phelps, Pierce, Platte, Polk, Red Willow, Richardson, Rock, Saline, Saunders, Seward, Sherman, Stanton, Thayer, Thomas, Thurston, Valley, Wayne, Webster, Wheeler and York Counties in Nebraska

Target Population: TANF recipients and other low-income individuals

FIVE-YEAR QUANTIFIABLE PROJECTIONS

Number of individuals that will be enrolled in the overall HPOG program: 1,445

Number of TANF recipients that will be enrolled: 132

Number of individual participants that will begin basic skills education: 365

Number of individual participants that will complete basic skills education: 286

Number of participants that will begin any healthcare occupational training: 1,277

Number of participants that will complete any healthcare occupational training: 1,043

Number of individual participants that will obtain employment in a healthcare occupation: 936

ABSTRACT

Central Community College (CCC), along with project partners Southeast Community College (SCC), Northeast Community College (NECC), and Mid-Plains Community College (MPCC), will implement the Health Profession Opportunity Grant (HPOG) Project HELP. Project HELP will engage TANF recipients and other low-income individuals (OLII) in education and training that will place them on a career pathway to healthcare occupations that pay well and are in high demand. The project will increase access to training and education by scaling strategies and interventions developed in CCC's successful 2010 HPOG grant to assist TANF and OLII from one college serving a 14,000 square mile, 25-county service area to four colleges serving a 60,382 square mile, 77-county service area. Project HELP will provide training in the following occupations: Registered Nurse, Licensed Practical Nurse, Health Information Technologist, Surgical Technologist, Occupational Therapy Assistant, Medical Assistant, Physical Therapy Assistant, Pharmacy Technician, Medical Laboratory Technician, EMT and Paramedic, and Nursing Assistant. Participants will be provided with academic supports and work readiness services. Additionally, Project HELP will leverage supportive services offered by other agencies and programs, e.g., transportation assistance, child care, SNAP, case management, tuition and assistance with fees, housing assistance, emergency assistance, Medicaid, job search assistance, employment assistance, domestic violence referrals, mental and behavioral health assistance, tutoring, and computer access, among others.