

Edmonds Community College

Innovations in Creating Access to Careers in Healthcare (I-CATCH)

Location: Lynnwood, WA

OTHER GRANT INFORMATION

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

Annual Award Amount: \$3,000,000

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

Service Area: Snohomish, Skagit, Island and King Counties in Washington

Target Population: TANF recipients, low-income individuals, veterans, refugees, immigrants, homeless individuals, persons with disabilities, and displaced homemakers

FIVE-YEAR QUANTIFIABLE PROJECTIONS

Number of individuals that will be enrolled in the overall HPOG program: 1,250

Number of TANF recipients that will be enrolled: 405

Number of individual participants that will begin basic skills education: 240

Number of individual participants that will complete basic skills education: 120

Number of participants that will begin any healthcare occupational training: 1065

Number of participants that will complete any healthcare occupational training: 800

Number of individual participants that will obtain employment in a healthcare occupation: 535

ABSTRACT

I-CATCH will provide an online and on-ground supportive learning community designed to move TANF recipients and other low-income individuals through a pathway toward high-demand healthcare careers. Among the program's goals include: 1) utilizing online/hybrid and competency-based instruction throughout stackable certificates in a range of healthcare career ladder options in allied health/nursing, social and human services, and medical information technology; 2) improving student achievement through intensive virtual and on-ground support services; 3) building student work readiness and technical skills, and supporting employment success through strong engagement with employers and work-based learning opportunities; 4) strengthening and expanding the education and training options to high-demand jobs in healthcare while providing seamless pathways from pre-college level to associate and baccalaureate degree programs; and 5) leveraging partnerships with Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) agencies, community-based organizations, and employers to expand training and support capacity in both urban and rural areas. Occupational training will target the following positions: Nursing Assistant, Licensed Practical Nurse, Registered Nurse, Phlebotomists, Pharmacy Technician, Medical Assistant, Medical Records and Health Information Technicians, Medical and Clinical Lab Techs, Medical Secretaries, Social and Human Service Assistants, Substance Abuse and Behavioral Disorder Counselors, and Healthcare Support Workers. Programs participants will have access to a community of support services via referrals for mental health services, veterans assistance, health services, housing and other support services, legal services, domestic violence services, tax preparation, SNAP, academic supports, and employment services, among others. Educational partners include Edmonds, Everett, and Skagit Valley Colleges.