

# Building Pathways to a Brighter Future

## Rogue Community College District

Southern Oregon Health Occupations Poverty Elimination project (SOHOPE)

**Location:** Grants Pass, OR

## OTHER GRANT INFORMATION

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

**Annual Award Amount:** \$2,919,536

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

**Service Area:** Jackson and Josephine Counties of Oregon

**Target Population:** TANF recipients, SNAP recipients, youth aging out of foster care, and other low-income individuals

## FIVE-YEAR QUANTIFIABLE PROJECTIONS

Number of individuals that will be enrolled in the overall HPOG program: 1,164

Number of TANF recipients that will be enrolled: 191

Number of individual participants that will begin basic skills education: 221

Number of individual participants that will complete basic skills education: 68

Number of participants that will begin any healthcare occupational training: 984

Number of participants that will complete any healthcare occupational training: 590

Number of individual participants that will obtain employment in a healthcare occupation: 500

## ABSTRACT

The Southern Oregon Health Occupations Poverty Elimination (SOHOPE) project will prepare eligible Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and other low-income residents in southern Oregon's Jackson and Josephine counties for careers in 18 high-demand, living-wage healthcare fields ranging from Nursing Assistant and Pharmacy Technician to Nursing and Emergency Medical Services Management. The project's service model and well-integrated employer partnerships will ensure steady participant progress that results in permanent, well-paying employment. Critical participant supports will be provided for transportation, child care, counseling, utility assistance, employment-related expenses, and job placement. SOHOPE will also provide strong case management, academic advising and support, coaching, barrier mitigation, systems navigation, and job readiness and placement support to achieve participant success and expected program outcomes. Primary workforce partners will be the Rouge Workforce Partnership (RWP), the local Workforce Development Board; Oregon Department of Human Services; service providers in the WorkSource Oregon One-Stop Centers (WSO) which are the local American Job Centers, including ResCare Workforce Services and Oregon Employment Department, Pacific Healthcare Training, and other social service/workforce organizations. Additionally, SOHOPE's recruitment and referral network will include such programs as Goodwill Industries, Head Start, TRIO, ACCESS, and the Nonprofit Center for Legal Services. Hiring commitments have been obtained from the following employers: Willamette Dental, Valley Immediate Care, VA So. Oregon Rehabilitation Center and Clinics, Walgreens, American Medical Response, Mercy Fights, Asante, Asante Physician Partners Work Health, Jackson Care Connect, Asante Physician Partners, and Bodyworks, LLC.