

Cleveland/Cuyahoga Workforce Investment Board wins \$2.5 million Department of Labor grant award to address the critical workforce shortage in Healthcare

Industry partners, Cuyahoga Community College, and the Cleveland/Cuyahoga public workforce system, Employment Connection, seeking to train 800 healthcare workers.

CLEVELAND, OH – Under the President’s Community-Based Job Training Initiatives, the U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration awarded \$2,483,714 to the City of Cleveland Division of Workforce Development to support workforce training in health careers. Hospitals and related healthcare facilities are among the largest employers in Northeast, Ohio employing more than 70,000 workers and paying \$3.6 billion in wages and benefits. Projections indicate that 26.7 percent of all job growth in our region over the next 10 years will be in healthcare occupations. The healthcare industry has a significant impact on our regional economy.

The Cleveland Division of Workforce Development in partnership with Cuyahoga Workforce Development, Cuyahoga Community College, University Hospitals, The Jennings Center for Older Adults, the Northeast Ohio Health, Science & Innovation Coalition, and Cleveland Metropolitan School District will address the critical workers shortage in Northeast, Ohio by building the capacity of clinical experiences for health career students; establishing a new Nursing Assistant training laboratory, outfitted with distance learning capability within the Downtown Employment Connection One-Stop Career Center; providing additional Medical Records System training; establishing an on-line Masters level program for incumbent workers, providing tuition assistance for individuals interested in health careers; and establishing a “Younger Youth” Summer Academy that emphasizes math and reading skills upgrading.

The Projected Outcomes for this initiative are:

- 402 students will participate in electronic medical records training
- 100 youth will attend Summer Health Academies
- 24 individuals will be trained through online courses as potential adjunct faculty
- 200 additional individuals will enroll in the nursing assistant program
- Health information technician, physician assistant, medical assistant, occupational therapist assistant, and physical therapist assistant programs will each in enrollment by 30 individuals, and 24 individuals in each program will earn associate’s degrees
- 140 Nursing assistants will receive state certification

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