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Iowa Workforce Development Selects Three Organizations to Expand Registered Apprenticeship Opportunities

Broadlawns Medical Center, Kirkwood Community College, and University of Iowa College of Nursing Selected

DES MOINES – As part of Iowa’s effort to strengthen or expand Registered Apprenticeship Programs within the health care industry, three organizations were selected by Iowa Workforce Development to receive funding. They include: Broadlawns Medical Center; Kirkwood Community College; and the University of Iowa College of Nursing.

- Broadlawns Medical Center in Des Moines and Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids will receive \$37,500 to grow their Registered Apprenticeship Programs.
- The University of Iowa College of Nursing in Iowa City will receive \$150,000 to start a Registered Apprenticeship Program.

“Our health care industry is a great place to find in-demand careers and our Registered Apprenticeship programs open the door to unlimited opportunities,” said Gov. Reynolds. “For Iowans who want to learn new skills or enhance their abilities, I’m proud to say these cutting-edge jobs are right here in Iowa.”

"Congratulations to Broadlawns Medical Center, Kirkwood Community College and University of Iowa College of Nursing for making a strong commitment to

grow Registered Apprenticeship Programs in Iowa, in a critical field,” said Beth Townsend, Director of Iowa Workforce Development. “These efforts will help Iowa meet our Future Ready Iowa goal as well as train more Iowans in an industry that is high growth that pays a great salary.”

Iowa Workforce Development was recently awarded an additional \$1 million ApprenticeshipUSA State Expansion Grant from the U.S. Department of Labor to strengthen and grow Registered Apprenticeship opportunities in Iowa. The grant focuses on expanding opportunities in healthcare and advanced manufacturing, the fastest growing and largest employment sectors in the state, as well as increasing the participation of women, youth, minorities, veterans and people with disabilities.

The three organizations selected are in addition to the 13 schools and organizations who received funding from the expansion grant to grow registered apprenticeships in January of 2019 and September of 2018.

More grant opportunities exist for organizations that want to expand Quality Pre-Apprenticeship and High School Registered Apprenticeship programs. The application deadline is 1 p.m. on **Friday, May 10**. The guidelines for submitting a proposal is available [online](#) for the following programs:

Quality Pre-Apprenticeship Programs: Recognized Quality Pre-Apprenticeship Programs may apply for a \$10,000 award to focus on career pathways to create or provide on-going support of a Quality Pre-Apprenticeship program. The funds can be used for creation of curriculum, supportive services, participant support costs, outreach, and staff costs for developing and operating the program. Each Quality Pre-Apprenticeship program must have at least one Quality Pre-Apprentice or 10 percent of Quality Pre-Apprentices, whichever amount is greater, hired by a Registered Apprenticeship program by Oct. 31, 2020. Total funding available is \$60,000.

High School Registered Apprenticeship Programs: High School Registered Apprenticeship Programs may apply for a \$15,000 award. This award may be used to start or to support a current High School Registered Apprenticeship Program. The funds can be used for Related Training Instruction, supportive services and a Registered Apprenticeship coordinator. Total funding available is \$105,000.

Registered Apprenticeship Programs help recruit, train a skilled workforce and retain talent. There are currently more than 1,000 apprenticeable occupations in industries that include energy, information technology, healthcare, financial services, transportation, advanced manufacturing, food and beverage preparation, and the building trades. Growing Registered Apprenticeship opportunities is an important strategy to help Iowa reach its Future Ready Iowa goal of having 70 percent of its workforce with education or training beyond high school by 2025.

Iowa employers and job seekers can explore Registered Apprenticeship opportunities at earnandlearniowa.gov. The website helps employers understand how a Registered Apprenticeship Program works, the value it brings to their business, the resources available to help them set up a program and has a [form](#) to complete to receive more information.

Job seekers who are interested in exploring Registered Apprenticeship opportunities are encouraged to visit the website and fill out an online [form](#) to connect them to a local [IowaWORKS Center](#). In addition, IowaWORKS Center staff can help with resume preparation, cover letter assistance and mock interviews.

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