

## HPOG Program Summary

### Pensacola State College (PSC) Pensacola State College Health Profession Opportunity Grant



#### Location:

Pensacola, Florida

#### Program Goals:

- Enroll 1,000 participants
- Train 770 participants
- Place 685 participants in employment

#### Health Professions Taught:

Participants receive training enabling them to work as licensed practical nurses (LPNs), nurses holding an associate's degree (ADNs), nursing assistants, certified nursing assistants (CNAs), paramedics, dental hygienists, Dispatch 911, EKG technicians, emergency medical technicians, health information managers, health services managers, massage therapists, medical information coder/billers, medical office administrators, medical records transcribers, physical therapy assistants, radiologic technicians, surgical technologists, health unit coordinators, medical sonographers, pharmacy technicians, and phlebotomists.

#### Approach:

The Pensacola State College (PSC) Health Profession Opportunity Grant (HPOG) program attempts to identify individuals in financial distress and assist them in obtaining self-sufficiency by earning certifications in health-related careers. PSC serves participants eligible for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and other low-income individuals whose household income is at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level.

To provide the services and training for this program, PSC has brought together the Department of Children and Family Services, Workforce Escarosa, Inc., the Agency for Workforce Innovation, the Florida State Apprenticeship Agency, and long-standing community partners such as social service agencies and workforce entities. Support services will include case management focusing on developing training/career plans, eliminating barriers to employment, and referring participants to the program; transportation assistance in the form of gas cards; assistance to meet costs for emergency needs; childcare; workshops addressing life, family, parenting, college support, and employability skills; both individual and group tutorial services; and assistance to meet the costs of tuition/lab fees, textbooks, educational supplies, testing/licensure, drug screening/background checks, and application fees.

The educational component is sharply focused on preparing participants to embark on high-skill/high-wage career paths in professions that meet growing healthcare needs. PSC supports and tracks the progress of participants from their recruitment into the program through the first 120 days following job placement.