

2023 Nursing Pathway Grant Awardees

This grant program, as part of the COVID-19 Nursing Workforce Initiative (NWI) and funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), blends the registered apprenticeship and industry partnership models and is designed to address the many workforce challenges in communities most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, these programs help prepare individuals for positions as home health aides, certified nursing assistants, licensed practical nurses and other in-demand jobs to help relieve staffing shortages in hospitals and health care facilities.

APPLICANT	AWARD
Berks County Workforce Development Board	\$176,155.00
Three Rivers Workforce Investment Board (d.b.a. Partner4Work)	\$260,000.00
Workforce Solutions for North Central PA	\$260,000.00
TOTAL	\$696,155.00

Berks County Workforce Development Board – \$176,155

The Berks County Workforce Development Board will partner with the Greater Reading Chamber Alliance and Reading Area Community College (RACC) to launch a new Greater Reading Healthcare Connections Industry Partnership, with a focus on creating strategies for employers to develop career pathways, establish industry credentials to education partner(s), and design and implement a Registered Apprentice Home Health Aide to LPN career pathway.

Three Rivers Workforce Investment Board (d.b.a. Partner4Work) (Allegheny County – \$260,000)

Partner4Work (P4W) will use Nursing Pathway Apprenticeship Industry Partnership grant funding to establish health care partnerships, expand community outreach between employers and potential workers, and promote apprenticeship opportunities in the health care industry, specifically preparing individuals for careers as Licensed Professional Nurses (LPN) and Certified Nursing Assistants (CAN).

Workforce Solutions for North Central PA (Cameron, Clearfield, Elk, Jefferson, McKean and Potter Counties – \$260,000)

Nursing Pathway Apprenticeship Industry Partnership for North Central PA will address the critical need for health care workers by creating a program that targets individuals in low- and moderate-income communities and offers opportunities with competitive wages. With collaboration from employers and schools, the registered apprenticeship program will help new and existing apprentices in the region pursue and maintain a career in the nursing industry.