

# FY2024-PATH Grant Year In Review



## \$120,000

### Program support in capital expenses:

- Birthing manikin for the Nursing program
- Intubating manikin for the Paramedic program
- EKG machine and technology for EMT-B program
- Shower chairs and teaching stethoscopes for Nursing Assistant program
- Sharps containers and blood testing kits for Phlebotomy program
- Sleeping newborn baby manikin and teaching stethoscope for the Medical Assistant program

## Student Support and Connections

### **DIRECT FINANCIAL SUPPORT: Over \$400,000 Directed to Over 500 Students**

- Tuition Assistance - Over 200 students have received tuition assistance and/or fee reimbursement.
- Certification/Licensing Exam Fee Reimbursement - Over 250 students have received reimbursement for their certification exam fees once they have become completers of their program.
- Educational Materials - Over 170 students have received exam preparation materials and educational materials.
- Close to 70% of students enrolled in PATH HPPS programs have received PATH funding.
- For reporting purposes, students can only be counted once, but most of these students have received multiple awards.

### **PATH Program Coordinator Outreach**

During the 23-24 academic year, the HPPS Coordinator and Division focused on recruitment and retention to support PATH outcomes. Activities included:

#### Increased presence at Waubonsee-hosted events:

- Nursing, Phlebotomy, CNA, and EMT-B program orientation and first day presentations
- HPPS Division Open House
- Perkins-organized tours of the Fox Valley Campus for high school and vocational school students
- Waubonsee Leadership Summit
- VALEES Student Service meetings

The Waubonsee-hosted events allowed us to connect with over 350 students, faculty, and staff. Students learned about the support resources at Waubonsee and how to be successful in their respective program, how the PATH grant would support them, and how faculty and staff would collaborate to help increase educational benefits to students.

#### Increased attendance at Community-hosted events:

- High School college and career fairs
- IVVC hosted Health Science career days
- VALEES Spark! High School vocational event
- VALEES Nursing and CNA hospital tour and informational session
- Fox Valley Career Center Tour and program orientation sessions
- IVVC Career Exploration in Health Sciences sessions

The Community-hosted events allowed us to connect with over 4,000 students and community members. We shared our program details and cost savings of Waubonsee programs, and initiated referrals for students to begin enrollment, including the program admission processes for them to enter PATH grant programs.

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Graduates of this program have the competencies to work as nurse assistants in hospitals, long-term care facilities and for home health agencies. The program is approved by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and meets the requirements of the Nursing Home Reform Act of 1979.

## Nursing Assistant



## EMT-Basic



This certificate program prepares individuals for employment as primary medical responders or as ambulance personnel. Those receiving the certificate are prepared to take the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technician Examination for employment as an Emergency Medical Technician-Basic (EMT-B) in the state of Illinois.

## EMT-Paramedic



This degree or certificate program prepares individuals for employment as a paramedic. Those receiving the certificate are prepared to take the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technician Examination for employment as an Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic. This certificate is taught to the National EMS Education Standards and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) Scope of Practice. This program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP), CoAEMSP (Committee on Accreditation for the EMS Professions).

## Phlebotomy



The Phlebotomy Technician Certificate Program prepares students for all aspects of phlebotomy in a health care setting, including collection procedures, safety guidelines, patient rights, test requirements and equipment basics. Students will be able to accurately perform venous collection, explain the proper steps for collection, and identify the supplies needed for collection.

## Medical Assistant



This certificate program prepares individuals for employment in the administrative and clinical areas of medical offices, clinics, and other health care agencies. The Waubensee Community College Medical Assistant Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP), on recommendation of the Medical Assisting Education Review Board (MAERB).

## PATH Pipeline for the Advancement of the Healthcare Workforce

The purpose is to create, support, and expand the opportunities of individuals in the nursing pathway and healthcare pathways to obtain credentials and degrees that allow them to enter or advance their career in the healthcare industry.

Waubensee Community College has 7 programs (one term, one year, and associates degrees) that have been able to benefit from the PATH grant.

## Health Information Technology



The Health Information Technology degree is designed to meet the needs of individuals seeking employment in the field of health information management. The HIT curriculum integrates the disciplines of medicine, business, analytics, management, law, and information technology required for this dynamic field. Due to its distinctive blend, graduates have the flexibility to select from a range of job settings within various healthcare environments. This program is accredited by CAHIIM - Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education

## Nursing



The Nursing Program prepares individuals to function as staff nurses in a variety of health care settings, including hospitals, nursing homes, and offices. Graduates of the program are eligible to take the National Council of State Boards of Nursing Examination (NCLEX-RN) which leads to licensure as a registered professional nurse (RN). The program is approved by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, and is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).



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