

Chicago Federation of Labor Workers Assistance Committee: *Healthcare Career Bridge Program*

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Organizational Type(s)

- Workforce development agency

Cluster/Occupational Sector(s)

- Health Science & Healthcare

Model

Adult Education

Bridge Partners

- Business, Industry, or Employer
- Workforce Investment Act (WIA)

Funding

Funding Sources:

- WIA Title I Individual Training Account
- CDBG Corporate Grant

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

TABE Reading: Low Intermediate Basic Education, High Intermediate Basic Education

TABE Math: Low Intermediate Basic Education, High Intermediate Basic Education

STUDENT ENROLLMENT

Number of Students Bridge Can Enroll (Capacity): 10

Number of Students Enrolled in Current Bridge Cycle: 5

COURSE INFORMATION

Course 1

Course name: Basic math and reading

Length of course in weeks: 4 weeks, 3 days a week for 6 hrs per day

Number of total course contact clock hours: 72 hours

Amount of transcribed credit toward the completion of an approved college certificate, AAS, AA, or AS program: 0

Course 2

Course name: Introduction to Healthcare

Length of course in weeks: 2 weeks, 4 hours a day

Number of total course contact clock hours: 40 hours

Amount of transcribed credit toward the completion of an approved college certificate, AAS, AA, or AS program: 0

BRIDGE CURRICULUM FEATURES

- Basic reading, math, and language skills (academic content) with career and technical content (i.e., contextualized curricula)
- Knowledge and skills common for entry level occupations within the targeted industry or Career Cluster.
- Activities designed to develop workplace skills (e.g., working in teams, self-management, project management, workplace communications, etc.)

STUDENT SUPPORT AND TRANSITION SERVICES

Transition Coordinator or Case Manager Provided: Yes

Services Offered to Bridge Students:

- Academic advising
- Assistance finding temporary jobs for low-income students to support themselves while in school
- Career advising or career coaching
- College program or classroom shadowing
- Exam fees (i.e., required exam fees are waived or students are reimbursed)
- Financial counseling
- Job placement in the target career cluster
- Job search assistance (e.g., job coaching, resume assistance)
- Personal counseling
- Transportation assistance (e.g., bus tokens, gas cards, cab or mileage reimbursement)
- Tuition assistance (e.g., tuition waiver or voucher)

OUTCOMES

Outcomes that respondents believe should be associated with their bridge program:

- Increased math proficiency
- Increased reading proficiency
- Enrolled in a non-credit job training program (e.g., WIA training program or Union apprenticeship), leading to employment related to a career cluster
- Entered or upgraded employment in an occupation related to the targeted career cluster immediately upon completion of the bridge.
- Enrolled in another (follow-on) bridge program



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