

January 11, 2023

Need to Know

WACH MA Apprenticeship April 2023 Cohort

The Washington Association for Community Health is offering a Registered Medical Assistant Apprenticeship Program to Oregon CHCs. It is a 12-month program that prepares students to take the Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA) test through the National Health Career Association. It has been approved by the State of Washington as an equivalent to an MA-C program at a community or technical college. The In-REACH team works with employers who recruit and host apprentices from their local communities.

[Contact the In-REACH team](#) if you'd like to offer the MA Apprenticeship at your organization.

- The first 25 employers who submit complete enrollment data will receive a free laptop to offer an apprentice in need.
- Every apprentice will receive \$200 stipend to cover costs needed to participate in the program (such as transportation, childcare, etc.)

Need help with recruitment? Check out our [MA Apprenticeship Recruitment Guide](#).

Learn more about the program:

- [Program Overview Document](#)
- [Program F&Qs Document](#)

HRSA Tidbits

Teaching Health Center Planning & Development Funding

The National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) will host a webinar on January 18th at 12:00 pm PST to discuss three HHS proposed rules.

- The first is the Essential Health Benefits (EHB) Request for Information (RFI). This RFI seeks stakeholder input on the description of the EHB, the scope of benefits covered in typical employer plans, the review of EHB, coverage of prescription drugs, and substitution of EHB.
- The second is the Notice of Benefit and Payment Parameters (NBPP) for 2024. This seeks to increase access to health care services through changes to network adequacy and essential community providers, simplify choice and

improve the plan selection process, as well as make it easier to enroll in coverage.

- Lastly, the proposed rule Confidentiality of Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Patient Records, also known as 42 CFR Part 2, will be discussed. This proposes changes to better align patient SUD record regulations with requirements under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) to provide better patient protection. NACHC is eager to solicit health center/PCA feedback on our comment responses during the call.

[Register now!](#)

Training & Opportunities

Training: Core Competencies for CHC Managers & Supervisors (All Levels)

NWRPCA is hosting a 5-week, highly interactive virtual training for health center managers and supervisors at all levels to develop and strengthen critical skills necessary to successfully navigate their roles in today's increasingly challenging CHC environment.

When: Wednesdays from January 18th to February 15th

Who Should Attend: This training is ideal for first-time managers or supervisors with 18 months of experience or less, as well as more experienced managers looking to refresh and hone their skills.

Participants will learn to:

- Develop and retain engaged, productive and satisfied teams.
- Utilize Behavioral Interviewing to hire staff with the right skills and fit for the long-term.
- Coach and develop employees.
- Communicate effectively as a manager.
- Avoid common legal pitfalls when managing employees.
- Create and sustain a culture of customer service.
- Drive accountability and deliver results.

[Register now!](#)

Training: C-Suite Learning Network: A Financial Planning Learning Collaborative for Leadership Creating HP-ET Programs

Calling all health center C-Suite Leadership! As health centers face unprecedented workforce challenges, it is critical that they step into the role of fostering tomorrow's health care professionals. Health Professions Education and Training (HP-ET) is an integral part of preparing health centers to face the changing workforce landscape. Join ACU's STAR2 Center for a six-part learning collaborative focused on strategically planning for and investing in HP-ET programs. Through subject matter

experts, facilitated discussions, and guided activities, participants will be introduced to the full scope of opportunities involved in HP-ET and will work to develop financial plans and action steps to develop or grow programs of their own.

Audience: Health Center C-Suite Leadership – Multiple members of leadership team are encouraged to attend

Learning Objectives:

- Understand HP-ET as a recruitment and retention tool, including scope of training programs, from MA/DA and support staff to GME residency programs
- Learn to assess resources and requirements for building an HP-ET program and growing partnerships with relevant organizations
- Become familiar with the main categories of a financial plan for building an HP-ET program
- Develop an HP-ET Financial Plan and outline action steps to build or grow an HP-ET program to support recruitment and retention of staff at your health center

Schedule: Sessions will take place on Tuesdays January 17, February 21, March 21, April 18, May 16, and June 20, 2023. All sessions will take place from 2:00 – 3:15 pm ET. This program is free of charge for accepted participants.

Application: Applications will be accepted until close of business on Wednesday, January 11, 2023. Participants will be notified about their conditional acceptance by January 13, 2023. Health center participants must acknowledge and commit to their participation by January 16, 2023. Please click here to apply.

[Apply now!](#)

Training: Develop Sustainable Models for Training the Next Generation!

The NTTAP is pleased to offer a free learning collaborative focused on Training the Next Generation: Health Professions Student Training. This 6-month (January to June 2023) opportunity is designed to provide transformational strategies and coaching support to help health centers evaluate, replicate and sustain health professions student training.

In this learning collaborative, health centers will learn how to:

- Assess their current readiness to train health professions students
- Identify areas for process improvement to establish a sustainable HPT program
- Effectively partner with Human Resources, Information Technology, Facilities, Operations, Training and Communications teams
- Establish and maintain partnerships with academic institutions and Area Health Education Centers
- Develop and implement specific HPT training programs from replicable, successful models

If you have questions please reach out to Meaghan Angers at angersm@chc1.com
[Apply by January 13th!](#)