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Need to Know

NIMAA Approved to Offer Federal Financial Aid to Eligible Students

The National Institute for Medical Assistant Advancement (NIMAA) is pleased to announce its approval to participate in the Federal Student Aid Program (FSA). The FSA program is designed to provide financial assistance needed to attend post-secondary institutions like NIMAA.

Participation in the FSA program will provide an important financial resource to current and future students. NIMAA's approval will allow eligible NIMAA students to access Federal Pell Grants to assist with the cost of program tuition and fees.

NIMAA's accredited Medical Assistant training program prepares graduates to work in high-performing, team-based practices through a combination of online learning and extensive hands-on externship experience in partner primary care clinics across the U.S., particularly those that care for underserved populations with complex care needs.

NIMAA students entering the Spring 2022 cohort are welcome to apply for FSA to support their studies with NIMAA. To learn more about available financial aid opportunities, visit:

www.nimaa.edu/financial-aid or to learn more about the NIMAA program, visit: www.nimaa.edu.

Training & Learning Opportunities

STAR² Center 2021-2022 PCA & HCCN Workforce Professional Development Series

The STAR² Center team invites workforce staff from PCA and HCCN teams to participate in the upcoming [workforce professional development series](#). Faculty and guest speakers will bring their expertise in all things workforce to share insight from the national, regional, and state levels with the learning cohort. This semi-monthly series running from December 2021 to June 2022 will consist of four web-based, hour-long sessions and will provide an observation and discussion of a topic from a variety of perspectives. Through this series, the STAR² Center team aims to bolster workforce efforts internally at PCAs and HCCNs, and to help those teams to provide a robust support system for recruitment and retention at their health centers. Topics covered during this year's series will include workforce action plans, using data in workforce planning, employee satisfaction and wellness and more!

Tentative Dates – All at 11:00am PST:

- December 15, 2021 – [Archived session](#)
- February 16, 2022
- April 13, 2022
- June 14, 2022

Planning and Financing a Capital Project to Accommodate Integrated Care Learning Collaborative

Through a series of six monthly interactive learning sessions conducted between February and May 2022, Capital Link's Planning and Financing a Capital Project to Accommodate Integrated Care Learning Collaborative is designed to assist health centers that anticipate the need for a capital project during the next one to five years. The Learning Collaborative will provide practical direction and tools for planning, financing, and completing a capital project. The webinar series will also include suggestions for organizational readiness, select financial and operational benchmarks, financial

capacity, and how to begin planning for your capital project. We will also be highlighting key planning considerations related to the Patient-Centered Medical Home model of team-based, integrated care.

Applications from interested health centers will need to be completed and returned by February 11, 2022. There is no fee for participants as this Learning Collaborative is funded by HRSA through its cooperative agreement with Capital Link. We recommend each organization enroll at least two appropriate team members. All organizations interested in participating must:

- Complete and submit an [Application of Interest](#) on/by February 11, 2022 to Adrienne Cooksey at acooksey@caplink.org
- Participate in the [introductory webinar](#) scheduled for February 1st, 2022 (attendance is strongly recommended but not mandatory).