
Community-Based Job Training Grants

Berrien Cass Van Buren Michigan Works!



Grantee: Berrien Cass Van Buren Michigan Works! (One-Stop)

Industry Focus: Healthcare

Key Partners: Michigan Works! Berrien, Cass; and Van Buren Counties One-Stop Career Centers; Lakeland Hospital; Elkhart General Hospital; Memorial Hospital; Lifecare Ambulance Service; Southwestern Michigan Community Ambulance Service; Educational Advisory Group (EAG); Southwestern Michigan College; Lake Michigan College; Lewis Cass Intermediate School District; Benton Harbor Area Schools; Niles Community Schools; Bangor Public Schools; Dowagiac Public Schools; and Lakeshore Public Schools.

Grant Amount: \$1,937,112

Leveraged Amount: \$15,000

Location of Grant Activities: Michigan

Challenge: State labor market information indicates that through 2012 a nearly 17 percent increase in demand is expected for occupations related to healthcare. This average includes the predicted growth for Registered Nurses, Emergency Medical Technicians, and Paramedics.

Addressing the Challenge: Michigan Works! will develop a healthcare career ladder model that will produce 54 new Registered Nurses, 24 new Paramedics and 36 new Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs). Under this project, Southwestern Michigan College and Lake Michigan College will develop/enhance curricula designed to train Paramedics and Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN) to advance their licensures and become Registered Nurses.

The career ladder will include specific career tracks that include enrolling students into a Basic EMT program, a program-specific EMT-to-Paramedic ladder and an LPN-to-RN and Paramedic-to-RN track.

Projected Outcomes:

- Produce 54 new Registered Nurses, 24 new Paramedics, and 36 new EMTs
- Develop/enhance curricula designed to train Paramedics and Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN)

