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| Grant Program: | Health Care Sector and Other High Growth and Emerging Industries |
| Grantee Name: | The University of South Dakota |
| Grantee City/State: | Vermillion, SD |
| Grant Award Amount: | \$5,000,000 |
| Initial Period of Performance: | March 2010-February 2013 |
| Project Name: | Growing Our Own Distance Learning Program |
| Project Description: | The University of South Dakota’s Growing Our Own Distance Learning Program (GOODLP) targets transitioning military personnel and unemployed veterans for immediate entry-level job placements in long-term care centers or acute care hospitals. It also provides opportunities for newly placed and incumbent healthcare workers to access and progress on a nursing pathway. Specifically, GOODLP identifies qualified military personnel and veterans for positions as Certified Nursing Assistants, Licensed Practical Nurses, and Registered Nurses and then connects these candidates to employers with vacancies. GOODLP works with employers to ensure that upon placement in employment, the workers are able to pursue an Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) through the University of South Dakota’s Nursing Program. The program also enables incumbent ADNs to participate in the University of South Dakota’s online Bachelor of Science in Nursing program, and incumbent BSN RNs to participate in its Master of Science in Nursing and Ph.D programs. |
| Areas Served by Grant: | Rural and underserved areas in South Dakota, Minnesota, Nebraska, Kansas, New Mexico and Arizona (aka “Project States”) |
| Targeted Industries: | Health Care |
| Targeted Credentials: | Ph.D (all but dissertation,) M.S. and B.S. in Nursing, A.A.S. Nursing, CNA certificates |
| Targeted Occupations: | Registered Nurses, Licensed Practical Nurses, Certified Nurse Assistants, |
| Targeted Populations: | Unemployed military personnel and veterans transitioning to civilian life, incumbent health care workers |
| All Project partners: | Workforce Investment System, Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society, Compass Point Labor Management, Army Reserve & Veterans Centers, Sunflower Health Network, Tuff Memorial, and Presbyterian Healthcare Services |





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| Projected outcomes: | |
| Total number of participants served: | 1066 |
| Total number of participants beginning education/training activities: | 1266 (Numbers reflect duplication of students enrolling in more than one training program) |
| Total number of participants completing education/training activities: | 582 |
| Total number of participants who complete education/training activities and receive a degree/certificate: | 582 |
| Total number of participants who complete education/training activities and are placed into unsubsidized employment: | 335 |
| Total number of participants who complete education/training activities and are placed into training-related unsubsidized employment: | 201 |
| Total number of participants placed in unsubsidized employment who retain an employed status in the first and second quarters following initial placement: | 692?? [Note that this is more than the total of 335 +201 (536); also narrative that follows on p. 19 of SOW reflects a total of 728 job placements, but only 582 participants will complete training) |
| Other Key Project Deliverables: | N.A. |
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