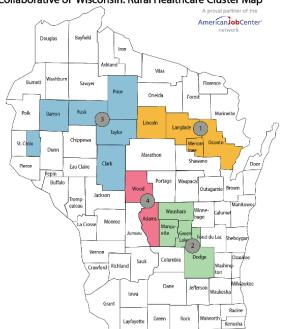
GRANT: Collaboration of Wisconsin Rural Investment in Community Healthcare (COW RICH) Grant

GRANT OWNER: Northwest Wisconsin Workforce Investment Board (NWWIB); Web: <u>Healthcare Training — Northwest Wisconsin Workforce Investment Board (nwwib.com)</u>

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WHICH STUDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE:

- Students with the intention to work in one of the counties highlighted on the map below Northwood Tech eligible counties include: Barron, Rusk and part of St. Croix
 - St. Croix Communities Covered Include: Baldwin, Cady, Eau Galle, Emerald, Erin Prairie, Forest, Glenwood City, Glenwood, Hammond, Kinnickinnic, Rush River, Spring Valley, Springfield, Wilson, and Woodville



Collaborative of Wisconsin: Rural Healthcare Cluster Map

- Eligible Programs Available through Northwood Tech include:
 - Nursing Associate Degree
 - Medical Assistant
 - Personal Care Worker
 - Substance Abuse Counselor Education
 - Human Services Associate students are ONLY eligible if they are already receiving assistance with this grant as part of the Substance Abuse Counselor Education program and continue into the H.S.A. program. This eligibility must be approved by Dawn.
 - o Phlebotomy
 - NOTE: Pre-Programs (from above list) are eligible, but only if the courses are tied to the approved program curriculum.
- Students are NOT required to meet a certain income eligibility this grant is open to all students. Students are eligible if they are on unemployment

- Students could be eligible for additional assistance if they meet a certain income eligibility and/or other factors. This will be determined by Dawn and/or other staff with NWWIB/partner workforce agencies.
- Students must complete their training by June 30, 2024 to be eligible to participate in the training. Grant begins for fall 2021 program students; some funding may be available for summer term.

BENEFITS TO STUDENTS/FAFSA:

- There is financial assistance available to assist with tuition and books, along with additional needs such as childcare. Individuals will need to work with Dawn directly to determine full supports as there could be additional assistance available through other programs.
- Students will need to apply for financial aid if eligible; however, this grant may impact the amount received.

WHEN TO GET CONNECTED WITH DAWN:

- The goal is to connect with Dawn Knapp prior to the start of the program so students are able to take advantage of this opportunity as early as possible.
- Current students may be eligible*, but NOT the focus of the grant. NOTE: NWWIB is waiting on an approved from the Department of Labor (DOL) regarding serving current student. If you are a current student, please connect directly with Dawn for the most up-to-date information.
- All eligible participants served through this grant must be at least 17 years old* and not currently enrolled in secondary school (high school). Individuals who are age 17 or older and have dropped out of secondary school, or who are attending post-secondary school may be served by the grant.
 *NOTE: NWWIB is waiting on an approval from the DOL regarding serving 17-year-old individuals. If you are 17, please connect directly with Dawn for the most up-to-date information.