

NEW TRAINING OPPORTUNITY FOR CAREERS IN HEALTH CARE

Central Iowa HealthWorks is a collaborative effort to train and support central Iowans seeking careers in health care.

The program provides:

- FREE education and training with a flexible schedule
- FREE coaching to find training and a career that's right for each participant
- Help with challenges such as child care and transportation
- Support with job advancement and placement

Why HealthWorks Matters

- The health care and social assistance sector grew 12.9 percent from 2006-2014.
- 40 percent of central Iowa health care workers will be eligible to retire in 5-10-years.

Employers need skilled employees to fill jobs in the health care industry. These jobs offer wages that help individuals achieve financial stability.

What types of careers can participants pursue?

HealthWorks will connect participants with more than 15 job options that work directly with patients, including:

- Home health aides
- Personal care assistants
- Nursing assistants
- Laboratory technicians
- Medical assistants
- Pharmacy techs
- Vocational nurses
- Surgical technologists
- Registered nurses

Who is involved in HealthWorks?

HealthWorks is a program led by United Way of Central Iowa and Central Iowa Works. HealthWorks has a staff of three to support participants throughout the process. The following partners are working with HealthWorks to ensure those trained are eligible for employment:

- **EMPLOYERS:** Broadlawns Medical Center, Candeo, HCI Care Services & Visiting Nurse Services of Iowa, Iowa Digestive Disease Center, Mercy Medical Center, Senior Housing, UnityPoint Health, WesleyLife
- **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT:** Central Iowa Workforce Development Board, Iowa Workforce Development, Greater Des Moines Partnership
- **EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROVIDERS:** Des Moines Area Community College, Mercy College for Health Sciences, Signature Health Care
- **COMMUNITY PARTNERS:** Iowa Department of Human Services, Bureau of Refugee Services, Evelyn K. Davis Center for Working Families

Who can participate?

Participants must be ages 18 and older and be seeking jobs in Polk, Warren and Dallas counties. Those not currently working in the health care field are encouraged to apply. Additional qualifications will be discussed at an initial meeting with HealthWorks staff.

How does someone apply?

Potential participants can learn about the program and request an initial meeting by visiting www.centraliowahealthworks.org or calling Amber at 515-645-6201.

What can you do to help?

Please share this information with those who might be interested in applying. You can request more information and materials to share by calling **Amber at 515-645-6201**.