

Health Profession Opportunity Grant (HPOG)

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The intent is to help low income individuals that **reside within specified catchment areas** in Missouri receive training for in-demand entry-level jobs in health care. To be eligible, potential participants must have an income under 200 percent of the federal poverty level, or \$48,500 a year for a family of four. These individuals can be new to health care as well as incumbent workers. For example, a hospital may have a housekeeping or food service worker that would like to work as a nursing assistant or patient care tech.

The grant can pay up to \$4,000 per candidate for training and up to \$500 in supportive services such as books, uniforms, childcare and transportation.

Two great outcomes – make a life changing difference for these individuals that are part of the grant and provide health care institutions, including hospitals, well-trained employees.

Training Programs Offered

- Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)
- Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)
- Registered Nurse (RN)
- Home Health Aide
- Medical Assistant
- Personal Care Aide
- Medical Secretary
- Pharmacy Technician
- Phlebotomist
- Surgical Technician/Technologist
- EMT/Paramedic



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