

QCC's TRAIN grant to prepare underemployed for healthcare career

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WORCESTER—Quinsigamond Community College (QCC) has secured \$100,000 in grant funding from the Healy-Driscoll Administration to bolster its workforce training initiatives tailored for adults, the school announced recently.

The funding will facilitate the enrollment of 30 individuals in a comprehensive home health aide training program, offered entirely free of charge to participants. These grants are part of the Training Resources and Internships Network (TRAIN) program, with a collective allocation of \$1.5 million distributed among 13 community colleges across the Commonwealth. QCC's strategic focus involves actively recruiting underemployed and unemployed individuals residing in the Worcester and Southbridge regions. Additionally, recruitment efforts will extend to historically marginalized populations facing barriers to employment, including veterans, single parents, people of color, individuals with disabilities, women, and those with limited English proficiency.

“Offering these types of programs that support our underprivileged and underserved populations enriches the lives of the participants and their families, while also helping our economy to thrive,” said QCC President Luis G. Pedraja, Ph.D., in a statement.

The program takes five weeks to complete and includes assistance with resumes and job interviews. Employers then meet with participants for an inside look at careers in the healthcare industry.

“Classes will be taught in both English and Spanish to not only prepare individuals for meaningful careers but also foster inclusivity and diversity within the healthcare landscape,” said QCC’s Director of Workforce Development Operations Kathleen O’Connor in the release.