

Build Your Future. MAKE AN IMPACT.

RURAL HEALTH CAREERS START HERE!



CENTER FOR
HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:



Department of
Labor & Workforce
Development



RURAL HEALTH CONNECT

*A RURAL WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT GRANT*

Connecting education, experience,
and community to build a stronger,
healthier Tennessee.



*OPEN TO
STUDENTS IN:*

- ✓ Nursing
- ✓ Public Health
- ✓ Social Work
- ✓ Psychology
- ✓ Nutrition & Dietetics
- ✓ Speech-language Pathology & Audiology
- ✓ Undecided

**CONNECT YOUR DEGREE WITH
REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE TO
HELP PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY.**

ELIGIBLE PROGRAM COSTS WILL BE COVERED!

Financial assistance available
to cover required program expenses
so you can focus on your
education and future.



CHOOSE ONE OF THREE HIGH-IMPACT CAREER PATHWAYS



COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER

Promote health,
provide education,
and connect individuals
to resources.



MEDICAL ASSISTANT

Support clinical
care, patient
services, and health
care operations.



CERTIFIED PEER RECOVERY SPECIALIST

Support individuals on
their recovery journey
and connect them
to resources.

THREE PATHS. ONE PURPOSE.

FLEXIBLE OPTIONS TO FIT YOUR GOALS

PILLAR 1



TRAINING + WORK

Gain skills and
hands-on experience
while you work.

PILLAR 2



TRAINING + WORK + CERTIFICATION

Earn a recognized
industry certification
to boost your
career opportunities.

PILLAR 3



TRAINING + WORK + MTSU RURAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE

Earn an MTSU Rural Health
Certificate and stand out
in the rural health workforce.

HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE • INDUSTRY-RECOGNIZED CERTIFICATIONS • CAREER-READY SKILLS

STIPENDS AVAILABLE. ELIGIBLE PROGRAM EXPENSES COVERED

Travel, materials, certification fees, and
other approved costs may be covered.

MUST BE ABLE TO TRAVEL LOCALLY TO RURAL SITES

Mileage reimbursement will
be available

BE PART OF THE FIRST COHORT!

Limited spots available
(15-25 Students)

I AM **trueBLUE**

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BURNING QUESTIONS?

- Is this program the right fit for me?
- What are the time commitments?
- What travel will be required?
- What certifications are included?
- What funding (TDOL/Grant) requirements or acknowledgements are needed?

LET'S TALK!



Live Here. Learn Here. Work Here.



Stay Local, Go Far

You don't have to leave your hometown to build a career that matters. Through the Rural Healthcare Workforce Initiative, local partners are offering free training and apprenticeships across Tennessee's 91 rural counties—**at no cost to you**. Healthcare is one of the state's most in-demand fields, offering job security, competitive starting pay, and high earning potential.

Whether you're just starting out or ready for a new path, programs are available now, right in your own backyard, to equip you with the skills, certifications, and real-world experience to build your future—and serve your neighbors—in the community you call home.



High-Paying,
Stable Careers



Local Training
That Fits Your Life



Support to
Help You Start

Start A Big Career Without the Big City

Tennessee's workforce data says it all—high wages, rapid job growth, and in-demand roles are waiting across 91 rural communities.

\$105K+

Median Wage for
Nurse Practitioners

58%

Job Growth for
Nurse Practitioners

93%

Employment Rate for
Dental Assistants

#1

Occupational
Demand: In-Home Care



If Tennesseans aren't healthy, our workforce can't thrive. The Rural Works program provides our neighbors the opportunity to train for healthcare careers right where they live—so they can care for their neighbors and strengthen their communities."

Commissioner Deniece Thomas
TN Department of Labor & Workforce Development