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Iroquois Healthcare Association Receives Grant to Train NYS Acute Healthcare Workforce

Program offers free online training with curated curriculum for acute care workers, and Google Chromebooks

ALBANY, NY – The Iroquois Healthcare Association (IHA) has received funding from the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation to offer online training to acute care workers in Upstate New York. The program is available to IHA members as well as non-members.

IHA has been working since January of 2021 to roll out the Acute Care Training Program. The online courses are provided via the country's leader in online education, HealthStream. IHA and HealthStream worked with a focus group of members to curate a curriculum of 60 courses across ten specialty tracks specifically for acute care workers. The topics are designed to develop both professional and personal skills.

The ten specialty tracks include business skills, professional development, emergency management, self-growth & life skills, cultural awareness & implicit bias, communication essentials, coaching & mentorship, teamwork, patient care basics and healthcare 101.

The trainings are geared towards entry-level acute care workers, both clinical and non-clinical. The courses can help workers learn more about the healthcare environment, climb a career ladder, develop healthy strategies for working in a pandemic and more.

IHA is also providing participating organizations with one Google Chromebook for every 10 employees signed up to eliminate technology barriers. There are currently 22 hospitals in 13 counties of the state participating and 6,673 acute care workers accessing the trainings.

The Acute Care Training online curriculum will be offered throughout 2021. Acute care organizations interested in getting access can follow the instructions on our website, <https://www.ihawio.org/iha-wio-letter-of-participation/>.

“Online learning management systems have become a necessary resource for hospitals since the COVID-19 pandemic, but they can be pricey,” said IHA Program Director Eileen Murphy. “IHA WIO hopes that the Acute Care Training Program lessens some of the financial burden that upstate New York hospitals are facing right now.”

“Through the generosity of the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation we are able to invest in the future of NYS acute healthcare workers,” said IHA President and CEO Gary J. Fitzgerald.



“Without the work that they do every day in hospitals, we would be nowhere. We should all thank them, and I think the Acute Care Training Program is a great way to show our appreciation.”

To learn more about the initiative, visit the Iroquois Healthcare Association Workforce Investment Organization webpage at <https://www.ihawio.org/>.

About the [Iroquois Healthcare Association](#): IHA is a regional healthcare trade organization representing 54 hospitals and health systems, spanning over 28,000 square miles, across 32 counties of Upstate New York. IHA is the leading resource for facilities and professionals bringing quality health care to the region. IHA represents the unique needs of rural, small community safety-net providers to large, academic medical centers in Upstate New York’s urban areas through advocacy, education and information, cost-savings initiatives and innovative business solutions.

About the [Mother Cabrini Health Foundation](#): The Mother Cabrini Health Foundation is one of the largest foundations in the United States and the largest foundation focused exclusively on New York State. The foundation provides grants to improve the health and well-being of vulnerable New Yorkers, bolster the health outcomes of diverse communities, eliminate barriers to care, and bridge gaps in health services.