

Native American Career and Technical Education Program (NACTEP)

GRANTEE: Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska

TYPE OF INSTITUTION: Tribal Organization

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FEDERAL AWARD: \$282,628

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PROJECT SUMMARY:

The overall goal of Project Step-Up is to enhance the long-term self-sufficiency of Native American residents of the three-county target area by undertaking a comprehensive effort to implement a pilot vocational training initiative for Winnebago and other Native American adults. The initial targeted occupations, in which Project Step-Up participants will be trained, are Commercial Driving and Certified Nursing Assistant. Over the five-year project period, a minimum of 125 targeted Native American people will be trained, including 50 in the Commercial Driving career path and 75 in the Certified Nursing Assistant career path. The Tribe will conduct the Orientation and Leadership Development components of the training plan, as well as case management and job placement/follow-up. Commercial Driving, Welding and Pipe Fitting training will be purchased off-the-shelf from Northeast Community College and Western Iowa Technical College via a subcontract and Certified Nursing Assistant training and level II CNA.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

- 45% of participants, who are not high school graduates at the start of training, will complete a GED program.
- 100% of graduates will meet competency standards in their career path.
- A minimum of 75% of graduates of the Commercial Driving career path will be placed in unsubsidized employment (earning at least \$13/hour), starting a small business, or entering a program of postsecondary education, advanced vocational training or apprenticeship program, as measured by a review of case files and self-reports.
- A minimum of 75% of graduates of the Certified Nursing career path will be placed in unsubsidized employment (earning at least \$13/hour), starting a small business, or entering a program of postsecondary education, advanced vocational training or apprenticeship program, as measured by a review of case files and self-reports.
- A minimum of 90% of graduates will report enhanced self-esteem and empowerment, as measured by self-reports.

EDUCATIONAL LEVEL(S) OF PARTICIPANTS:

Postsecondary

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION TRAINING AREAS:

| AREA | CERTIFICATION STATUS |
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| Health Care Industry | Certification/State License |
| Construction Industry | Commercial Drivers License/Welding Certification |

AVAILABLE DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO STUDENTS:

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| Counseling | Textbooks |
| Tutoring | Trades tools |
| Career Placement | Personal protective equipment |

NUMBER OF PROGRAM SITES: 2 (Sioux City, IA & Winnebago, NE)

PARTNERSHIPS & COLLABORATIVES:

Tri-State Nursing – Sioux City, IA
North East Community College – Sioux City, IA
Western Iowa Technical College – Sioux City, IA
Winnebago Health and Human Services – Winnebago, NE
 Healthy Marriage
 Jobs & Employment Training
 TANF
Winnebago Tribal Health Services – Winnebago, NE
Indian Health Services – Winnebago, NE
Winnebago Tribal Council – Winnebago, NE
Little Priest Tribal College – Winnebago, NE
Winnebago Higher Education Department – Winnebago, NE
Winnebago Public School – Winnebago, NE
Four Directions – Sioux City, IA

ACCREDITATION STATUS:

Accredited through the Nebraska State Board of Nursing and the National League of Nursing Accrediting Commission, Inc.