

Initiative Report for Florence 2009-10

Health Career Pathways

Summary:

The Florence Center continues to provide critical job training for rural Western Lane County in partnership with Siuslaw School District and PeaceHealth/Siuslaw Region. Primary job target is Health Career Pathways.

Description

Currently the Florence Center offers pre-requisites for nursing, Dental Hygiene, and Diagnostic Imaging. Additionally we offer certification for Health Records Technology and Medical Office Assistant. This current year we are working with Peace Health/Siuslaw Region to build a clinical component for the MOA.

The Florence Center has seen a significant jump in credit enrollment Fall Term 2008 and Winter Term 2009. I believe this jump is directly related to our focus on Health Careers.

Most of the enrollment increases are in science and math, key areas for students entering the health field. Math enrollment increased Winter 2008 to Winter 2009 by over 40%, which puts an extra load on our math tutor.

Its important to note with severe cuts at our local high school we are now offering evening classes in higher math for both high school seniors as well as our regular students.

Job targets for Lane County rate the health industry as one of its most critical areas and this initiative meets this need.

The initiative benefits both students and community.

Questions and Answers

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A 2007-08 initiative targeted a new science lab for the Florence Center to accommodate our growing number of students pursuing health careers. With the success of the Bond a science lab will become a reality.

A 2007-2008 initiative accomplishment for a technology upgrade is now allowing our science instructors to have better technology for teaching students. Laptops and projectors are now being used by our instructional staff.

This current initiative, Health Career Pathways, is a continuation from last year with the noticeable exception of increased student enrollment.

How is this initiative linked to the efficiencies and productivities plans you had last year?

Efficiencies directly benefit both students and staff by creating accessibility for assistance and tutoring. According to math instructor Wes Wilcox, a noticeable increase in test scores is evident when students consistently work with our tutor.

Describe the resources needed:

Resources are needed to fund part-time tutors for math, science, and medical office assistant classes such as medical coding and medical manager. Many of these courses are pre-requisites for nursing, diagnostic imaging, Medical Office Assistant, Health Records Technology, and Dental Hygiene.

Carl Perkins funds are needed to keep supporting students in the professional technical field. Rural coastal communities rely heavily on a trained workforce and the Florence Center is the primary training site.

Tutor funds resulted in helping our students improve their test scores and successful completion of classes.

What specific measurable program outcomes do you expect to achieve with this initiative? The outcomes should be specific enough to be measurable. Also, outline the method that will be used to determine the results.

- With tutor assistance students are more likely to enroll resulting in increased FTE. We have seen a noticeable increase in credit enrollment Winter term 2009.
- Instructors will see improvement in test scores, which they have seen in the past.
- Students will benefit by gaining a better understanding of course work.

Department Priority:

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Unit Resources:

- With the elimination of time sheet funds we are unable to provide financial offset.
- Classroom space and computer use is readily available for tutors. Additionally, staff time is used to assist tutors with scheduling.

Funding Request: Carl Perkins

Is this a Career & Technical Education program approved by the state and offered through Lane for credit?

Yes

If not a Career & Technical Education program, does your request provide considerable support for students enrolled in these programs?

No

Do you have an advisory committee that meets 2-3 times per year?

Yes

If request is for personnel, will funds be used to replace an existing position?

No

How will funding this initiative increase or sustain the academic achievement and technical skills attainment (GPA of 2.0 or better) of Career and Technical Education students?

Measurable Outcomes

- Students will benefit by becoming more successful in the classroom leading to their health career pathway in the following careers: Nursing, Dental Hygiene, Diagnostic Imaging, Health Records Technology, or Medical Office Assistant. The tutors are vital to the success of our program. Over the past several years the Florence Center has successfully sent 14 students into the nursing program.

How will funding this initiative increase or sustain the number of CTE students that graduate or receive a one year certificate from Lane and help prepare the students for employment?

Employment

Due to our partnership with PeaceHealth Siuslaw Region we have been successful finding jobs for students at Peace Harbor Hospital. According to Vice-President of Human Resources, Don Bourland, the partnership created in 2001 has created a steady flow of students/employees better prepared for employment due to our close work with the college. This comment was made to the college's Board on 10/10/07.

At last count we have seven nurses who successfully moved through our program and are now employed at area hospitals. This is a remarkable achievement in a community the size of Florence.

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14000 Reduced funding for tutoring will result in fewer opportunities for students to receive assistance.

TRAVEL \$**Can this initiative be partially funded?**

No

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Funding Request: Curriculum Development

Funding Request: Technology Fee