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Pathways to Health Care Careers Offers Additional Opportunities

Des Moines, IA – Pathways to Health Care Careers is a unique project designed to recruit, screen and provide training and support services to Limited English Proficient (LEP) refugees and immigrants in Iowa to help them pursue careers, with progression, in the health care industry.

New cohorts are developing and placement testing is scheduled for October 6th, 7th and 8th in Des Moines. Individuals interested in the program should contact their local IowaWORKS Center or visit the website at www.iowapathways.org. Additional testing opportunities will be scheduled in Storm Lake and Sioux City this fall.

Aiming to serve nearly 300 individuals between fall 2010 and fall 2012, this project is a partnership effort between Iowa Workforce Development, Iowa Bureau of Refugee Services, Mercy College of Health Sciences and a number of employer partners.

This innovative approach aims to meet the staffing needs of the Iowa health care sector, while simultaneously opening a high-potential career path to the state's newest Iowans. Funding for this project is provided by a \$3.4 million grant from the US Department of Labor.

For more information, visit <http://www.iowapathways.org/>.

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