

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Health CareerRx Academy?

The Health CareerRx Academy helps individuals build a career pathway and secure employment as a healthcare professional. We pay for training for many different occupations, provide books and other support, and give you guidance and access to people from the industry. We aim to make people as strong a candidate as possible so they can compete for higher paying careers in healthcare.

Is this program like the WIOA program? How does it differ?

Like the WIOA program, applicants must meet certain eligibility requirements. Both programs also use the same list of training providers. As far as differences go, the WIOA program has a much more extensive eligibility process. Applicants are required to complete a lengthy “portfolio” before eligibility is determined. The average length of time it takes to determine eligibility for the Academy is between 1 and 3 weeks. Also, the scholarship amount for training you receive is different than WIOA. Academy participants receive additional support services while in the program.

How do I get enrolled in the Academy?

The first step is to register for an information session where you will learn about how you can put our services to work to help you build a career.

How long does the application process take?

The length of the application process varies depending on the time it takes you to bring in all of your documents of eligibility and complete the interview process with an Eligibility Specialist. On average the process takes between 2 and 3 weeks.

What else do I need to know about the application process?

Not everyone who completes an application and eligibility process will be accepted into the Academy. This grant-funded program uses an evaluation design which will randomly assign eligible individuals to participate in the program or not. For individuals not selected by random assignment, they will be given a referral packet that contains resources for training, scholarships, and support services.

When do classes start and how long does it take to complete them?

Class start dates are dependent on the program and school you choose to attend. The Academy is not an occupational training site. The start dates and duration of each program are based on each training provider’s schedule. You may want to visit the school or provider website for more information.

Am I limited as to what schools I can attend for training?

Yes and no. Accepted students can enroll at any training site that has been approved on the Connecticut’s Eligible Training Provider List. That being said, just about every healthcare training

provider in the Southwest Region is included on this list. However, be aware that the Academy cannot pay all costs at some of the more expensive schools/training programs. Also, you must be enrolled, be in good standing, and have prior approval from the Academy before registering at the approved school.

How soon can I sign up for classes?

Once you have been accepted into the program, there are required Academy courses that participants must attend. These required courses will run 5-7 consecutive days (or evenings) to accommodate those participants who work during the day or in the evenings. Your Career Counselor may also recommend other courses for you to improve your reading and math skills and/or prepare you for your training program. Once you have completed these courses you will work with your Career Counselor to register for your occupational skills training.

If I am currently in school or have a job, do I still need to attend the required courses?

Yes. These courses are a requirement for all interested applicants. We strongly believe in the value of these courses and their mission to make you a stronger job candidate.

Does the Academy help with transportation and childcare?

The Academy can assist with transportation and childcare costs and can help you develop a plan for both. This assistance is limited and is generally available during occupational training

How can the Academy help me with gaining experience and building a career?

The Academy will begin working with you on a career plan right away. Select students will have the opportunity to participate in our internship and on-the-job training programs. The Academy makes a continuous effort to form relationships with employers. The ultimate goal of our program is to help every single participant increase their income.

So what are the steps again?

1. Sign up for an Information Session (call 203-930-1637 to register)
2. At the Information Session, complete the application and schedule an appointment to bring in your documents and engage in an eligibility interview with the Eligibility Specialist
3. After eligibility is determined, you will receive a call from a Career Counselor to work on your training plan which may include CASAS testing, STRIVE, Contextualized Learning, and Foundations Skills Workshop Week before Occupational Skills Training.