

# GRANT ABSTRACT

## Wisconsin BioHealth Tech Hub Grant: Actualizing BioHealth Career Pathways (ABC Pathways)

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**Project Purpose:** This project will deepen ongoing employer engagement, ensure training is aligned to skills needed for current and future Biohealth jobs, broaden awareness of and build interest in Biohealth career opportunities, expand training pathways and apprenticeships, remove barriers to participation, and provide supports that help an inclusive cross-section of people complete high-value credential programs and transition into these good jobs and career pathways. The ABC Pathways Project coalition will employ strategies and programs that are already working in our region, while strengthening collaboration to better align with the needs of employers and workers. The partners in this coalition will further improve these ongoing initiatives, especially with regard to underrepresented populations, by implementing evidence-based sectoral workforce practices, such as those highlighting the importance of integrated career readiness training, wraparound support services, and work-based learning.

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**Lead Applicant / Organization Name:** BioForward Wisconsin

**Lead Applicant Entity Type:** Workforce Development System Entity | Madison College

**Lead Applicant City & State:** Madison, Wisconsin

**Funding Source:** U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration (EDA)

**Funding Amount Requested:** \$14,000,000 (total request)

**WDBSCW Subaward Amount:** \$2,338,000

**Grant Period:** October 1, 2024 - September 30, 2029

**Applicants Geographic Scope of Proposed Project:** Local/Regional with a reach of WDA 10 (Columbia, Dane, Dodge, Jefferson, Marquette, and Sauk Counties) Wisconsin

**Number of Apprentices Enrolled in RAPs During the Life of the Grant:** est. 25

**Population(s) to be Served:** Underrepresented populations (women, people of color, and persons with disabilities); Underserved communities (veterans, high school youth, opportunity youth, foster youth, and housing insecure youth); Unemployed workers; Underemployed workers; and Incumbent workers

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## Required Partners: (Organization Name and Entity Type):

- **Madison College** - Institution for Higher Education Training Provider & Perkins-Eligible Agency
- **Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development** - State Apprenticeship Agency (SAA)
- **UW Health** – University of Wisconsin Hospitals & Clinics - RAP Sponsor/Employer
- **Dane County School Consortium (DCSC)**
- **Jefferson County School to Career Consortium (JCSCC)**
- **Operation Fresh Start (OFS)**
- **City of Madison**
- **Madison Regional Economic Partnership (MadREP)**
- **Industry Sector Groups**, Employers

**WDBSCW Activities:** Outreach, Supportive Services, Youth Services/Connections, Summer Youth Program

**Partner Activities:** Outreach, Instructional Costs, CPA programming, Occupational Skills Training

## List of Credential(s) to be Awarded: (Possible)

- **Registered Nurse** - Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN); Registered Nurse (RN); Associates Degree and completion of program; after passing RN credentialing exam participant will obtain a state nursing license from Wisconsin
- **Respiratory Therapist** – Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT) and Associates Degree; eligible to obtain a state license for Respiratory Therapists
- **Medical Assistant** – Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA) credential upon completion and passing the national certification exam from the American Association of Medical Assistants
- **Surgical Technologist** – Certified Surgical Technologists (CST) from the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA)

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