



# CO HELPS

## Colorado Healthcare Experiential Learning Pathways to Success

### Growing healthcare talent from the ground up

In July 2019 the Colorado Department of Higher Education, in partnership with the Colorado Community College System, received a \$12 million grant from the U.S. Department of Labor to scale healthcare apprenticeships across the state.

The model established through CO HELPS will transform how healthcare providers recruit the talent needed serve our state. For apprentices, this opportunity will provide a living wage, college credit and a lifelong career pathway in a growing, rewarding industry.

#### Apprentices receive

- A living wage
- College credit for training
- A pathway into a growing industry

#### CO HELPS by the numbers

**\$12 million**  
in total funding

**\$6 million**  
in contributions from  
industry partners

**5,000**  
apprentices by 2023

**25+**  
occupations

**15+**  
higher education  
institution partners

**30+**  
businesses

#### What's next?

Working together, CDHE and CCCS have forged education and training pathways in several healthcare learning tracks and will begin recruiting apprentices in January 2020. Occupations include Medical Assistants, Radiologic Technologist, Nursing Assistants, Physical Therapist Assistants and Health Service Managers.

*Check the CDHE website this fall for more details.*

#### For More Information

Colorado Department of Higher Education | <https://highered.colorado.gov>

Colorado Community College System | <https://www.cccs.edu>

Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative | <https://sites.google.com/a/state.co.us/coši>

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