

# Frequently Asked Questions: High School Healthcare Preceptor Pilot

## Purpose

The Ohio Department of Education and Ohio Department of Higher Education are partnering with the Ohio Department of Health to offer the High School Health Care Preceptor Pilot beginning in spring 2022. This pilot is funded through a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention grant, titled "[National Initiative to Address COVID-19 Health Disparities Among Populations at High-Risk and Underserved, Including Racial and Ethnic Minority Populations and Rural Communities.](#)"

The purpose of the pilot is to increase the number of low socioeconomic status ethnic minority and rural students entering Ohio's health care workforce and provide paid work experiences in medical fields to youth with barriers to optimal health, such as: socioeconomic disadvantage, being a young parent, lack of access to stable housing or other social determinants of health. These internships will provide students with mentors in the health care industry and create pathways for students to obtain medical terminology instruction, CPR and industry-recognized credentials, as well prepare them for health care education at the postsecondary level.

## General Questions and Answers:

### Q: Who is eligible to apply for this grant opportunity?

A: Nonprofit health care organizations, health care providers (including community health centers - for example, federally qualified health centers), health care industry sector partnerships and career-technical planning districts.

### Q: Will this grant use Federal Funds?

A: This is a federal grant through the Center for Disease Control titled [National Initiative to address COVID-19 Health Disparities Among Populations at High-Risk and Underserved, including Racial and Ethnic Minority Populations and Rural Communities.](#)

### Q: Will we be eligible if we propose to partner with one of the technical/vocational schools ([listed here](#)) that are linked to the schools on the [grant opportunity](#) webpage for eligible districts?

A: Organization will still be eligible to participate if you partner with one of the technical/vocational schools listed as long as you are willing to provide internships to students within the targeted districts with the criteria in the RFA.

### Q: Since the students are most likely minors, would we need parental or guardian approval for background check and drug test. Also, would our organization have to adhere to the minor labor laws?

A: The Ohio Revised Code is fairly clear on students (minors) who are enrolled in an ODE approved program – the requirements laid out in [ORC 4109](#) do not apply. This would include the work permit requirement, the hour restriction requirement and any activities within the occupation that would have otherwise been prohibited to a minor who is not participating in an ODE approved program.

By my understanding, the students in question would be participating in a program like the one mentioned in ORC 4109.06 and that exemption from the rest of 4109 would be in place. – Department of Commerce

**Q: Is there a potential for grantees to seek out interns outside of the targeted school districts listed in the application?**

A: Targeted school districts were selected based on lack of resources and the need to address the requirements of the CDC grant. Although this opportunity is also open to other areas, the focus must be on the identified districts and students meeting the criteria specified in the RFA.

**Q: Are awardee organizations/applicants expected to provide CPR classes/certification for all interns through this program?**

A: Grantees may work with Career Tech planning districts or a Certified Trainer within their organizations to help facilitate CPR certifications for students. This is an allowable expense if facilitated through the organization.