PROJECT ONRAMP

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PROJECT ONRAMP Providing Comprehensive Healthcare Education Training to Advance New Skills at Work
OVERVIEW

Project OnRamp is JPMorgan Chase’s first investment in Dallas under its New Skills at Work Initiative. The program enabled participants to transition from working poor to living wage status by bringing them to higher skill levels. Earning an average of just $9.95 an hour in Dallas County, Certified Nurse Aides (CNA) serve a pivotal role in the healthcare sector, but often live below the poverty level. Through Project OnRamp, 162 Certified Nurse Aides received tuition and books to complete their Patient Care Technician (PCT) training at DCCCD in just six months.

Upon completed their subsequent certification exam, participants were able to increase their salary by 20%, moving them from below poverty level to living wage status. More than ten percent of participants completed additional phlebotomy, electrocardiogram technician, and billing and coding certifications, further increasing their potential employment opportunities and income. Students completing Project OnRamp received job placement assistance through the DCCCD Health Careers Resource Center.

FINAL RESULTS

ACCEPTED PARTICIPANTS

DCCCD received a total of 249 applications for the JP Morgan Chase Project OnRamp. Out of these applications, 194 students were accepted into Project OnRamp. Eleven students were deemed ineligible to participate as they had not completed their Certified Nurse Aide coursework. There are another 11 applicants who withdrew from the program due to personal reasons undisclosed to OnRamp staff.

Of the student applicants, 54% are Black or African American, 26% are Hispanic or Latino, 9% are White, 6% are Asian, 1% are Native American or Alaskan, and 4% remain unknown. Additionally, 94% are female and 6% are male. The average current wage for students beginning Project OnRamp is $10.81 an hour.
ENROLLED PARTICIPANTS
A total of 32 students were completing courses or in the program pipeline as Project OnRamp concluded. An additional 33 applicants needed to complete the immunization process necessary to begin coursework for Project OnRamp.

COMPLETED PARTICIPANTS
Of the 194 students accepted into Project OnRamp, 162 students completed the PCT program. Of these, five students went on to complete billing and coding training, and 19 completed additional phlebotomy or electrocardiogram technician certifications. The average starting wage for completed participants is $14.50/hour.

WHAT PROJECT ONRAMP STUDENTS HAVE TO SAY

“I owe much thanks to JP Morgan Chase for providing me the opportunity to participate in Project OnRamp. I was a Certified Nurse Assistant looking to receive the education I needed to continue to move forward in the medical field. Through this program, I received my course certificate in EKG, NCCT certification for PCT and NCCT certification for Phlebotomy. Two months after completing this program I was hired at Walnut Hill Medical Center as a Phlebotomist. All the education through this program has been very beneficial in my current job. JP Morgan Chase provided this opportunity and followed through by completing the program. Now it has opened new doors for me in the medical field. I am so grateful!”

-Ann Marie Eickholt, NCPT, NCPCT
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“The Project OnRamp PCT program has made a great impact on my career. I had just switched from being a business major to a Nursing major with no experience in the medical field. Thanks to this program I was able to get the training I needed and I am currently working as a PCT at Baylor University Medical Center. Thank you, JP Morgan Chase.”

-Mariela Contreras, NCPCT

“Thank you, JP Morgan Chase, for giving me the chance to become the best in a profession that is steadily growing. I am a 46 year old divorced woman, with three children and one grandson. I was introduced to the program through one of my cousins who was trying to get into the phlebotomy course at Cedar Valley. Due to my financial situation, I was unable to pay out of pocket to further my career. Then I was introduced to Ms. Gabriella Jairala at the Health Careers Resource Center. She walked me through step-by-step and showed me what an asset being in the program would be. I have completed the program and I am now a Nationally Certified EKG Technician, and on July 14th I plan on passing my National Phlebotomy exam and obtaining my certification. The program has been so helpful, as I am now an EKG Monitor Technician at Carrus Specialty Hospital in Sherman, Texas.”

-Vedra C. Kennedy, CNA, NCET

“I am very thankful for this scholarship. It came at the right time as I was struggling working close to 100 hours a week. I was working with different agencies and receiving no benefits as a CNA for many years. As a graduate student of the Project OnRamp program, I would like to express my gratitude. My life has changed thanks to this opportunity and now I have a career as a PCT on the neuro floor at one of the largest hospitals in the country, Baylor Medical Center. Thank you, JP Morgan Chase, for changing my life!”

-Azeb Yoseph, NCPT

“I had the opportunity to be part of the Project OnRamp program and successfully finished all the courses they offered. This opened the doors for me in the medical field. A few months after completing the program, I was hired at UT Southwestern as a Patient Care Technician. I thank JP Morgan Chase for giving me the opportunity to expand my education and get a job that I enjoy doing.”

-Maricruz Cardenas, NCPCT

“I would like to thank JP Morgan Chase for providing the financial assistance that allowed me to complete the Project OnRamp PCT program. Being an OnRamp PCT graduate helped me acquire a full time PCT position in the critical care unit with a major hospital in DFW. This medical training will enhance my future and much needed nursing career. Thank you for your support.”

-Stephanie Welton, PCT/ICU/PCU