

Community-Based Job Training Grants

Eastern New Mexico University - Roswell

Grantee: Eastern New Mexico University (ENMU) - Roswell

Industry Focus: Healthcare

Key Partners: Roswell Independent School District (RISD) and its University High School (UHS); the One-Stop Career Center and WIA program operated through an ENMU-Roswell partnership; Eastern New Mexico Medical Center (ENMMC); Midway Assembly of God Church; and the University of New Mexico Health Science Center Office for Community Health.

Grant Amount: \$799,130

Leveraged Amount: \$175,000

Location of Grant Activities: Chaves County, New Mexico

Challenge: Rural New Mexico faces critical shortages in five areas: dental hygiene, emergency medical services and paramedics, radiologic technology, respiratory therapy, and pharmacy technician. ENMU-Roswell currently lacks the necessary technology infrastructure, instructional equipment, time, and funding to train adequate numbers of professionals in these five areas. The shortages will worsen as a result of an increase in need for medical services, while programs to remedy these shortages represent a significant cost to ENMU-Roswell.

Addressing the Challenge: ENMU-Roswell will utilize several industry-based strategies to implement program activities. First, ENMU-Roswell will incorporate distance education funded by the New Mexico Legislature that will provide shared faculty and instructional resources. Second, ENMU-Roswell will utilize web-based continuing education refresher courses required for re-licensure of EMT-First Responder, EMT-Basic, EMT-Intermediate, and EMT-Paramedic providers in rural New Mexico. Third, ENMU-Roswell will implement a telepharmacy program to address a statewide shortage in trained pharmacy technicians.

Projected Outcomes:

- 100 participants will enter the program annually.
- 35 participants will receive a degree or certificate annually.
- 30 graduates will enter employment annually and have a six-month retention rate of 85% and a one-year retention rate of 70%.

