

NELA PHOCAS Project

Professional Healthcare Opportunities—Careers And Support WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD SDA-83, INC.

- ❖ The Northeast Louisiana Professional Healthcare Opportunities—Careers And Support Project (now simply known as “**PHOCAS**”) was developed and is administered by the Workforce Investment Board SDA-83, Inc.
- ❖ This five-year award—totaling \$14,910,000.00 was awarded to WIB SDA-83 on September 27, 2010 by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services and is funded by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.
- ❖ WIB-83’s Health Profession Opportunity Grant is one of 32 national awards and is the 6th largest HPOG program in the U.S.
- ❖ The mission and program goals, as established by WIB-83, are in harmony with those outlined by the US DHHS/OFA. The PHOCAS Project has been designed to serve TANF recipients and other low-income individuals (200% of poverty level) with the opportunity to obtain education and training occupations in the healthcare field that pay well and are expected to either experience labor shortages or be in high demand.
- ❖ Now, in our 5th year, WIB83’s HPOG Program, **PHOCAS**, is a regionally recognized, education/training and workforce development project in NE Louisiana.
- ❖ PHOCAS/WIB-83 is a saving resource for low-income individuals. This HPOG offers the assistance needed to obtain healthcare education and training—training that so many in our area desire and that so many desperately need.
- ❖ PHOCAS/WIB-83 provides assistance with tuition, fees, books, supplies, and uniforms.
- ❖ PHOCAS/WIB-83 provides childcare and travel reimbursement supportive services.
- ❖ WIB-83 has implemented a “Mobile Tutoring Program” that is now considered “National Promising Practice.”
- ❖ PHOCAS/WIB-83 participants are assigned a Student Liaison that provides the needed guidance and encouragement to support retention and completion.
- ❖ PROGRAM-TO-DATE **PHOCAS** has:
 - ❖ Enrolled more than 1200 individuals
 - ❖ Provided healthcare education/training to more than 1100 students
 - ❖ Assisted more than 600 to complete education/training programs
 - ❖ More than 700 have attained employment since enrollment with more than 550 of those in the Healthcare sector
 - ❖ The average wage for those who have become employed in the Healthcare sector or occupation since intake = \$12.04

Thank you for your support!

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