# Health CareeRx Academy

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# **ABOUT US**



The Health CareeRx Academy (HCA) provides occupational skills training, work readiness, and additional supports to individuals who desire to begin or advance in a healthcare career. All training opportunities lead to a certificate or degree and prepares individuals to pass a state or national license exam.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Join us at 5:00pm on the first Thursday of the month and every third Thursday at 10:00am to learn useful topics regarding healthcare careers from job coaches and healthcare employers looking to recruit new employees at HCA's Job Club meetings!

#### STAND UP FOR MENTAL HEALTH

Mental health issues are a leading impediment to academic success. According to the National Mental Institute, nearly 1 in 5 U.S. adults live with a mental illness.

On October 9th, 2018, HCA attended Fresh Check Day, hosted by Housatonic Community College. The HCA, with St. Vincent's Behavioral Health Services and Optimus Health, joined together to help bring awareness to the importance of mental health and wellness!

This program was sponsored by the Jordan Porco Foundation to create and promote campus and community wide awareness of mental health resources that often go underutilized. The program i used as a reminder of how valued mental health is along with academic achievements and physical well-being.

## A NEW SET OF WHEELS



Traveling to a city near you! Our new HCA van will be used to transport participants to training, exam testing sites and other HCA approved activities.

From Certified Nursing Assistant programs offered by Excel Academy in New Haven to Dental Assistant courses taught by Dr. Carol Felder in Norwalk, our van is here to help alleviate transportation barriers.

# **JOURNEY TO SUCCESS**



Apart from supporting our participants with tuition, childcare, and transportation services we also make it a point to uplift and encourage their personal and professional growth. Every participant has a unique, inspiring story to share, this is Vanessa's:

"The Health CareeRx Academy helped me in more ways than one. HCA gave me the opportunity and tools to achieve my goal as a Healthcare professional.

I was a stay at home mom with a skills gap in my work history. My job search was limited due to my lack of skills.

HCA helped me focus on what I would excel in and paid for my continued education and certification while also assisting with job placement. Recently, I passed my Radiation Health & Safety (RHS) exam! Since July I have been working and preparing to take the Infection Control Exam (ICE).

# Vanessa A.

This is something that I could not have done on my own. I encourage everyone to never give up. I feel pride in providing for my family with a steady job.

Thank you HCA for your support!"



#### **CHILDCARE**

Learn about area childcare providers and resources every third Monday of the month (at 5:30 PM) at our Child Care Information Session!
Participants are encouraged to meet our Child Care Concierge to hear about available resources.Can't attend? Check out our website!

# REMINDER OF SERVICES

Child Care Assistance

Exam and Licensing Support

Job Search Services

Workshops and Classes

Transportation Assistance

**Tuition Assistance** 





# TUITION ASSISTANCE

Participants enrolled in the HCA receive tuition assistance for the healthcare program of their choice. Tuition assistance provides participants the support needed to increase skills, competencies, and explore career growth.

# Connect With Us

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