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New Grant Helps Youth and Young Adults Explore Healthcare Career Pathway Opportunities

(WESTCHESTER/PUTNAM) August 6, 2020: The Westchester-Putnam Career Center Network (WPCCN) and Westchester Community College (WCC) are actively recruiting men and women, 18–25 years of age, who reside in Mount Vernon, New Rochelle, and Yonkers, NY who are interested in exploring careers in healthcare with free training. Eligible participants will receive:

- Job Readiness Training
- Exploration of Healthcare Careers (3-credit course)
- CPR/First Aid Training
- Internship Opportunities.
- Occupational Skills Training Opportunities
- Ongoing Support

Interested youth can register to attend a Zoom information session:

- **August 17, 2020, 5pm–6pm**

Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/y7r2yszt> **Questions can be emailed to:** pathwaystohealthcare@sunywcc.edu

“This grant will help young adults explore varying healthcare career paths at no cost, allowing them the flexibility to learn about different types of jobs without incurring debt,” stated **Thom Kleiner**, *Director, Westchester-Putnam WDB*. “This kind of opportunity is invaluable for people who are unsure of their options and need support.”

“Getting exposure to many types of jobs within the healthcare field without getting locked in too soon, will help the youth and young adults of New Rochelle, Mount Vernon, and Yonkers make decisions for a future that fits their professional aspirations. In addition, our students will have experiential learning and opportunities for employment thanks to our employer partners Montefiore, Burke Rehabilitation, and The Wartburg. These are the opportunities young adults need to increase their exposure to healthcare careers and to inform their long-term career decisions,” adds Dr. **LaTasha Hamlett-Carver**, *Division Coordinator, Workforce Development and Community Education, Westchester Community College*. “We encourage anyone in the eligible age range in these communities to find out more information or pass it on to someone you know.”

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