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## **Healthcare Grant Awarded for Critical Care Nursing and more**

Workforce Connection has been awarded the **Employ Florida Workforce Initiative Grant** to help transitioning and dislocated workers while providing vital workforce required by healthcare employers in Citrus, Levy and Marion Counties.

A total of \$356,570 was awarded by Workforce Florida and will train approximately 305 people at the cost of \$1,169.08 in the four initiatives of healthcare worker recruitment and transition, critical care nursing recruitment and training, medical coder hospital certifications and long-term care program for new Certified Nursing Assistants.

The grant was ranked number one in the state by Workforce Florida. The Introduction to Healthcare and Health Care Bridge Programs will help dislocated workers transition to growing career fields.

Munroe Regional Medical Center and Workforce Connection will partner on the training program to transition Graduate Nurses to Critical Care and Intermediate Care Nurses. Several new and expanding long-term care facilities will partner in the Certified Nursing Assistant project.

Watch a video and learn more about the partnership for training critical care nurses from Stephen A. Purves, President and CEO of Munroe Regional Medical Center, Ocala, [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hae2kC\\_Op-I](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hae2kC_Op-I) or [www.youtube.com/WorkforceCLM](http://www.youtube.com/WorkforceCLM).

Employers interested in training grants for existing employees needing certifications to advance or retain their current positions, can contact Workforce Connection at 352-873-7939, ext. 1606.

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