



Workforce Issuance

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To: MassHire Workforce Board Chairs
MassHire Workforce Board Directors
MassHire Career Center Directors
MassHire Fiscal Officers
MassHire DCS Operations Managers

cc: WIOA State Partners

From: Beth Goguen, Director
MassHire Department of Career Services

Date: April 8, 2025

Subject: **Direct Care Workers/PHCAST - Train the Trainer Free Virtual Workshop**

Purpose: To notify MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Center Operators and other local workforce partners of the availability of Personal and Home Care Aide State Training workshops offered through and funded by, the Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS), Executive Office of Aging & Independence.

Background: Learn how to bring the Massachusetts Personal and Home Care Aide State Training (PHCAST) to your community. This training will prepare you to teach the PHCAST curriculum.

This free, half day train-the-trainer workshop is for anyone interested in providing in-person PHCAST training; for instance, MassHire career centers, home care agencies, community colleges, vocational technical high schools, and others who would like to incorporate the entry-level career ladder curriculum for

those in the personal and home care aide training. After completing the training, participants will have access to the in-person curriculum at no cost.

The ABCs for Direct Care Workers/PHCAST is a comprehensive curriculum that prepares learners to become certified Homemakers or Personal Care Homemakers in Massachusetts.

Note: All PHCAST training materials are the property of the Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS). PHCAST training materials may not be copied or posted on any network computer, or broadcast in any media, and no modifications of these documents can be made. PHCAST materials cannot be utilized to facilitate for-profit endeavors.

All sessions are via Zoom. Click on the desired session to register. There are three opportunities to attend, please choose **one**:

Session 1:

Wednesday, April 16, 2025
9:30am-12:30pm

Session 2:

Tuesday, May 6, 2025
1:00pm-4:00pm

Session 3:

Thursday, June 5, 2025
9:30am-12:30pm

The program will meet the requirements of the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing at 244 CMR 5.00 for 3 contact hours.

Action

Required: Please share with managers, staff, and partners as appropriate.

Effective: Immediately

Attachment: PHCAST Flyer

Inquiries: Direct all questions to ABCsdirectcare@umassmed.edu.