

A report from Southern Good Faith Fund

Southern Good Faith Fund works with Southeast Arkansas College and Phillips Community College of the University of Arkansas on the Career Pathways program, which helps move adults up the career ladder.

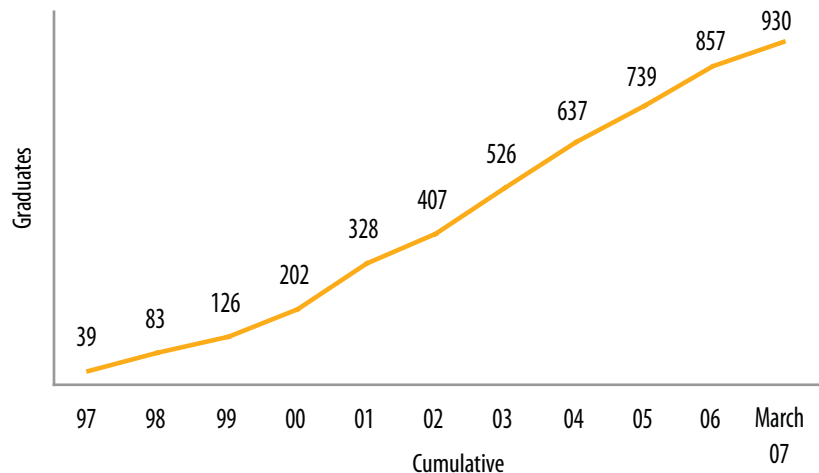
Career Pathways uses a series of connected educational programs that enable students to combine school and work and advance to better jobs and higher levels of education and training.

Working with area employers to target high-demand jobs, our career pathways include: behavioral health technology, business, education, early childhood education, emergency medical services, industrial maintenance, manufacturing, nursing/allied health, and welding.

Who We Help

- 78% are ages 18-35
- 91% are female
- 79% are African American
- 16% lack a high school diploma or GED
- 63% have incomes under \$5,000
- 33% are TEA recipients
- 68% are Food Stamp recipients
- 93% have children under 18
- 62% are single, never married
- 84% lack a savings account
- 61% do not own a car
- 92% do not own a home
- 42% consider transportation a significant barrier

Total Graduates

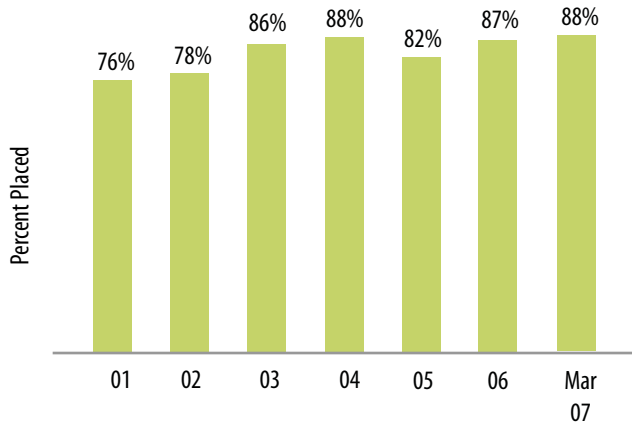


Total Graduates by Step on the Pathway

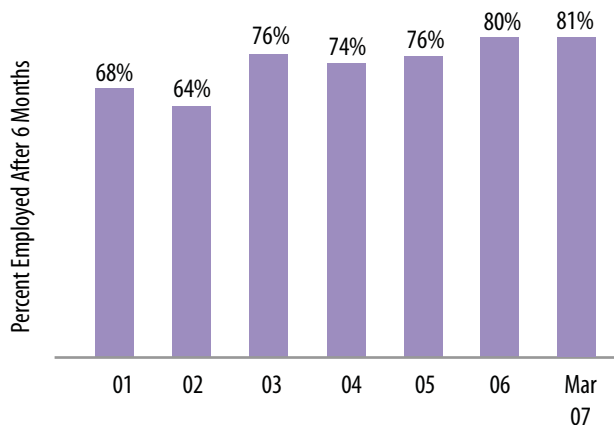
Degree	97-04	05	06	Mar 07	Total
GED			13	13	26
WAGE ¹		37	19	36	92
Certificate of Proficiency	622	60	59	24	765
Fast Track Dev. Ed.			11		11
Technical Certificate	12	2	8		22
Associates Degree	3	3	8		14
Total	637	102	118	73	930

¹ The WAGE program is for students whose scores did not reach the minimum to enroll in college. This program teaches basic education skills through contextualized learning to prepare students for entry into college.

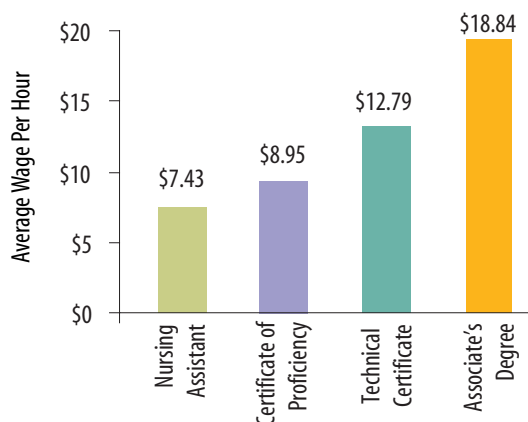
Percent Of All Graduates Placed In Jobs or Moving To Next Step On Career Pathway



Percent of All Graduates Still Employed After 6 Months



Wage Analysis: Average Starting Wage by Certification or Degree



Determination & Education

Lisa Smith is married with three kids. She and her husband were having a hard time supporting their family on



his income alone. Realizing she would need more education to get a good job, she came to Career Pathways to fulfill her dream of getting a degree in Emergency Medical Technology (EMT). This area of Allied Health has always fascinated her, and her fascination grew when she started her Certificate of Proficiency in EMT. She completed the certificate program very quickly and began work right away as an EMT for Lusby's Ambulance Service. She finds the career very rewarding and loves the day-to-day excitement of helping others in a time of crisis. She still works for Lusby's and is planning on continuing her education in this pathway to achieve her associate's degree in paramedic science.

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