

A report from Southern Good Faith Fund

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

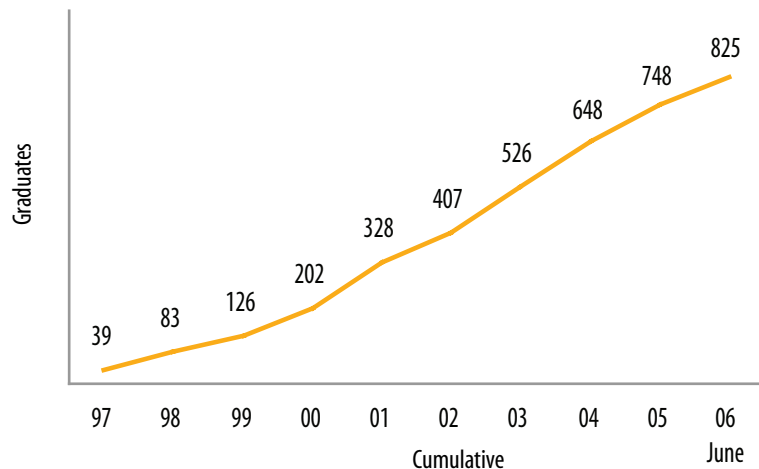
Career Pathways uses a series of connected educational programs that enable students to combine school and work and advance to better jobs and higher levels of education and training.

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

Who We Help

- 77% are ages 18-35
- 91% are female
- 77% are African American
- 18% lack a high school diploma or GED
- 63% have incomes under \$5,000
- 30% are TEA recipients
- 60% are Food Stamp recipients
- 75% have children under 18
- 64% are single, never married
- 84% lack a savings account
- 60% do not own a car
- 89% do not own a home
- 42% consider transportation a significant barrier

Total Graduates

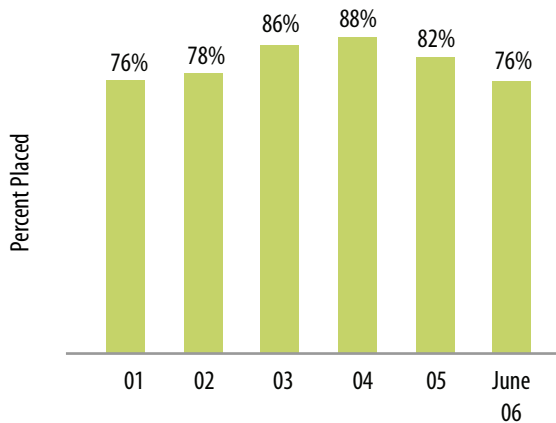


Total Graduates by Step on the Pathway

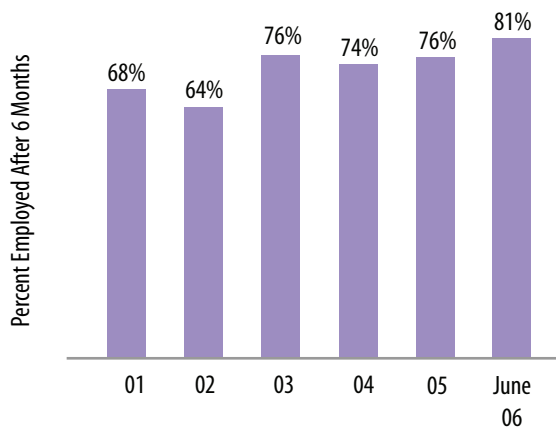
Degree	# of Graduates	Degree	# of Graduates
GED	5	Education	3
WAGE ¹	18	Respiratory Tech	1
Nursing Skills Audit	11	Early Childhood	5
Nursing Assistant	703	General Education	1
Licensed Practical Nurse	15	Behavioral Health Tech	2
Registered Nurse	10	Business Administration	1
Phlebotomist	3	Medical Lab Tech	1
EMT	1	Information Sys. Tech	1
Office Tech, AAS	5		

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.

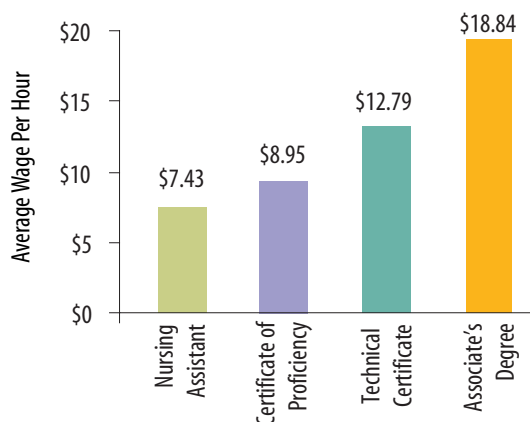
Percent Of All Graduates Placed In Jobs or Moving To Next Step On Career Pathway



Percent of All Graduates Still Employed After 6 Months



Wage Analysis: Average Starting Wage by Certification or Degree



Determination & Education

Christina Buie thought becoming a cosmetologist would be a good way to help support her family. But she soon realized



this was not her ultimate goal and wanted more in life. She always loved going to school and knew that a college degree was the path she needed to take if she wanted a career and the opportunities that came with it. She decided a career in education and teaching would let her have the same schedule as her children, two boys ages five and two.

Since her family earned only a single income, Christina wasn't sure how she would pay for the Praxis exam which is required for teaching certification in Arkansas. That's when she was introduced to the Career Pathways program in Helena-West-Helena. "The staff at Career Pathways worked really hard to help me with this test," says Christina. "It was a long process and a struggle, but with everyone's help the test was paid for and I successfully passed."

Christina graduated with honors from Phillips Community College in May with an Associate of Arts degree in general education. And she moved onto the next step of her path to becoming a high school biology teacher when she started at Arkansas State University this fall. "My advice to any one is to believe in yourself and know that you can do whatever you put your mind to," Christina says with a proud smile.

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