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June 6, 2025

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Arkansas Legislative Council
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

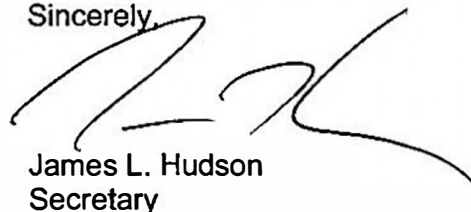
RE: FY 25 American Rescue Plan Act Request

Dear Co-Chairs:

Pursuant to Section 36 (01) of Act 152 of 2024, I am forwarding the attached American Rescue Plan Act request(s) that have received my approval as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

1. University of Arkansas Community College Rich Mountain – Arkansas Linking Industry to Grow Nurses (ALIGN) Program \$471,060
2. University of Arkansas Community College Batesville - Arkansas Linking Industry to Grow Nurses (ALIGN) Program \$224,334
3. North Arkansas College – Arkansas Linking Industry to Grow Nurses (ALIGN) Program \$688,055.71
4. South Arkansas College - Arkansas Linking Industry to Grow Nurses (ALIGN) Program \$396,779
5. University of Arkansas East Arkansas Community College - Arkansas Linking Industry to Grow Nurses (ALIGN) Program \$54,328
6. Arkansas State University Beebe - Arkansas Linking Industry to Grow Nurses (ALIGN) Program \$609,860
7. Arkansas State University Newport - Arkansas Linking Industry to Grow Nurses (ALIGN) Program \$428,014

Sincerely,



James L. Hudson
Secretary

Attachment(s)

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST
SECTION 36 OF ACT 152 OF 2024**

Agency: University of Arkansas Community College Rich Mountain Business Area Code: 0192
 Program Title: Arkansas Linking Industry to Grow Nurses (ALIGN) Program
 Granting Organization: Arkansas Office of Skills Development CFDA #: 21.027
 Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 5/17/2024 Ending: 6/30/2025

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
 The purpose of this grant is to support the Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) program at the University of Arkansas Community College Rich Mountain. It will allow the college to further expand the LPN program with purchasing equipment while also helping cover the fixed costs associated with the Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) program.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: CCOL Fund Code: NEW 219ARP2 Direct Funding: X
 Funds Center: BK7 D69 Internal Order/WBS Element: _____ State: _____
 Continuation: _____

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	206,275
Extra Help	
Personal Services Matching	
Operating Expenses	
Conference & Travel Expenses	
Professional Fees	
Capital Outlay	238,753
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	
Other:	26,032
Other:	
Total	\$ 471,060

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 06/30/2026

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DFA IGS State Technology Planning Date
 Items requested for information technology must be in compliance with Technology Plans as submitted to DFA IGS State Technology Planning.

Positions to be established: (list each position separately)

Org Unit	Pers Area	Pers SubArea	Cost Center	Position Number	Cmnt Item	Position Title	Class Code	Grade	Line Item Maximum *

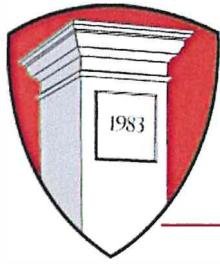
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Approved by: Phillip W. 5/22/25
 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date

Cayce Raney 06/03/25
 Office of Budget Date

Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

MPK 5/22/25



University
of Arkansas
RICH MOUNTAIN

May 22, 2025

Jim Hudson, Secretary
Department of Finance and Administration
Office of the Secretary
1509 West 7th Street, Suite 401
Little Rock, AR 72203-3278

Re: American Rescue Plan Act 152 of 2024

Dear Secretary Hudson,

The University of Arkansas Community College Rich Mountain has been grateful to receive American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 funding through the Office of Skills Development. The *Arkansas Linking Industry to Grow Nurses (ALIGN) Program* award totals \$471,059.53. UA Rich Mountain respectfully submits a supplemental appropriation rest and detail plan for these expenditures.

UA Rich Mountain requests review of appropriation from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 which will provide additional funding in support of the Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) Program. This will allow the University to increase resources for vocational center aid, based on LPN program enrollment, and allocation to UA Rich Mountain as well for the fixed costs of offering the LPN program.

Please find attached the Memorandum of Understanding that includes budgeted expenditures and the Appropriation Request.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Phillip Wilson, Chancellor
University of Arkansas Community College Rich Mountain

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST
SECTION 36 OF ACT 152 OF 2024**

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Agency: University of Arkansas Community College Batesville Business Area Code: 0168
 Program Title: Arkansas Linking Industry to Grow Nurses(ALIGN)-High School
 Granting Organization: Office of Skills Development CFDA #: 21.027
 Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 8/19/2024 Ending: 6/30/2025

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):

Arkansas faces a challenge in the healthcare industry due to a nursing shortage. The Office of Skills Development and other institutions have been task with the development of programs to fill this gap. The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 has implemented the Arkansas Linking Industry to Grow Nurses(ALIGN)Program as a way for institutions to fund the programs necessary to upskill employees, expand nursing apprenticeships, increase nursing education retention, assist with tuition, purchase equipment, and expand simulations labs. The grant funding allows for reimbursement of salaries, simulation room equipment, educational medical supplies, and medication administration supplies. This particular grant will focus on high school students who want to pursue nursing.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: UNIV Fund Code: 279ARP3 Direct Funding: X
 Funds Center: D 62 Internal Order/WBS Element: Continuation: State:

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	168,722
Student Supplies/Expenses	55,612
Personal Services Matching	
Operating Expenses	
Conference & Travel Expenses	
Professional Fees	
Capital Outlay	
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	
Other:	
Other:	
Total	\$ 224,334

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 9/30/2026

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DFA IGS State Technology Planning **Date**
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Approved by: *Cayce Raney* 5/22/25
 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date

Cayce Raney 06/03/25
 Office of Budget Date

Office of Personnel Mgmt **3** Date



UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE AT BATESVILLE

May 22, 2025

Mr. Jim Hudson, Secretary
Department of Finance and Administration
Office of Secretary
1509 West 7th Street, Suite 401
Little Rock, AR 72203-3278

RE: American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Act 152 of 2024, Section 36-ALIGN Grant-High School

Dear Secretary Hudson:

The University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville (UACCB) appreciates the opportunity to utilize funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021, as authorized in Act 152 of 2024. UACCB hereby submits a supplemental appropriation for these funds to be used in FY2026.

UACCB has access to \$224,334.18 through the Office of Skill Development (OSD) Arkansas Linking Industry to Grow Nurses (ALIGN). We propose to allocate these funds as follows:

Regular Salaries	\$168,722.00
Student Supplies/Expenses	<u>55,612.18</u>
Total Appropriation Request	<u>\$ 224,334.18</u>

Our goal is to provide a program that will lessen the nursing shortage recognized by the State of Arkansas, and give high school students the chance to start their nursing career. OSD has designed a program that allows UACCB to house this program. Thank you for considering this appropriation request from UACCB. I am available to discuss any questions or provide further clarification. Please feel free to contact me by phone at (870)612-2001 or via email at brian.shonk@uaccb.edu.

Sincerely,

Brian K. Shonk, Ed.D.
Chancellor

Agency:North Arkansas CollegeBusiness Area Code:0185

Program Title:Arkansas Linking Industry to Grow Nurses (ALIGN) ARPA

Granting Organization:Arkansas Office of Skills DevelopmentCFDA #:21.027

Effective Date of Authorization:Beginning:5/17/2024Ending:06/30/2025

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
OSD and Arkansas Institutions of higher education have been empowered to design, develop, and implement innovative programs to fill this ever-increasing gap through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 for the Arkansas Linking Industry to Grow Nurses (ALIGN) Program. This grant program is aimed at upskilling lower-level prefoessionals, expanding nursing apprenticeships, increasing nurse educator recruitment and retention, expanding clinical rotations, increasing nursing program capcity where relevant, reimbursing tuition, purchasing equipment, implementing simulation centers, and expanding labs. Each institution is required to provide a healthcare partner contribution, with a two-to-one match by the state for every dollar contributed.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area:CCOLFund Code:new214ARP1Direct Funding: X
Funds Center:D67Internal Order/WBS Element:State:
Continuation:

	Program Funding Amount	
Regular Salaries	\$	320,262.00
Extra Help		
Personal Services Matching	\$	115,294.28
Operating Expenses	\$	252,499.43
Conference & Travel Expenses		
Professional Fees		
Capital Outlay		
Data Processing		
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)		
Other:		
Other:		
Total	\$	688,055.71

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds:12/31/2026


DFA IGS State Technology Planning**Date**
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Approved by:

5/21/2025

Cayce Raney06/03/25

Cabinet Secretary/Agency DirectorDateOffice of BudgetDateOffice of Personnel MgmtDate



May 21, 2025

Secretary Jim Hudson
Department of Finance & Administration
1509 West Seventh Street, Suite 401
Little Rock, AR 72201

Re: American Rescue Plan Act Funding – Act 152 of 2024

Dear Secretary Hudson,

Pursuant to Section 36 of Act 152 of 2024, North Arkansas College is respectfully seeking ALC-PEER review for a new appropriation request submission for an ALIGN Grant from the American Rescue Plan Act to deliver a program of study in Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) to students enrolled at the multi-district vocational centers located in Harrison and Leslie by bridging the funding gap between allocated annual enrollment-based vocational center aid and the fixed costs of offering the nursing programs during the grant performance period.

The total Grant funding to be disbursed for North Arkansas College is \$688,055.71. Please find attached Request Forms and supporting documentation.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this new appropriation request and spending proposal. Please let me know if any additional information or action is required.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'RLM Stipe'.

Richard M. Stipe
Vice President - Finance & Administration

Cc: Rick L. Massengale, President
Nicole Clark, AVP & Controller

Agency:South Arkansas CollegeBusiness Area Code:0193

Program Title:Arkansas Linking Industry to Grow Nurses (ALIGN) ARPA

Granting Organization:Arkansas Office of Skills DevelopmentCFDA #:21.027

Effective Date of Authorization:Beginning:5/17/2024Ending:9/30/2025

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
To provide a program of study in Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) by addressing budget deficit between the vocational center aid, based on LPN program enrollment and fixed costs of offering the LPN program during the period. This program was designed through Office of Skills Development and Arkansas institutions of higher education to design, develop and implement innovative programs to fill the ever increasing gap in the healthcare industry of nursing shortages across Arkansas and throughout the United States.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area:CCOLFund Code:221ARP2Direct Funding: X
Funds Center:D70Internal Order/WBS Element:State:
Continuation:

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	224,374
Extra Help	1,400
Personal Services Matching	81,279
Operating Expenses	82,827
Conference & Travel Expenses	6,900
Professional Fees	-
Capital Outlay	-
Data Processing	-
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	
Other:	
Other:	
Total	\$ 396,779

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds:9-30-2026

DFA IGS State Technology PlanningDate
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* unclassified positions only

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Approved by:



5/23/25

Cayce Raney06/03/25

Office of BudgetDate

Office of Personnel MgmtDate



South Arkansas College

PO Box 7010 El Dorado, AR 71731 870.862.8131

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May 23, 2025

Mr. Jim Hudson, Secretary
Department of Finance Administration
Office of the Secretary
1509 West 7th Street, Suite 401
Little Rock, AR 72203-3278

RE: American Rescue Plan Act Funding (Act 997 of 2021)

Dear Secretary Hudson:

South Arkansas College (SouthArk) from the American Rescue Plan Act authorized to design, develop, and implement innovative programs to address the challenge that the healthcare industry faces due to the nursing shortage that exists across the United States. SouthArk will utilize these funds to deliver a program of study in Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN).

Total requested funds for the two-year ALIGN grant award period is \$396,779.32. Details of the requested funds are included in the following table.

Category	Year 1 Amount	Year 2 Amount	Total Project Amount
Personnel/Stipend	\$155,108.00	\$158,075.52	\$313,183.52
Equipment	\$35,650.16	\$2,400.00	\$38,050.16
Professional Development	\$3,200.00	\$3,700.00	\$6,900.00
Student Supplies	\$38,628.00	\$38,628.00	\$77,256.00
Total Request	\$229,386.16	\$199,103.52	\$435,389.68
Total Award (91.132% of total)	\$209,044.20	\$181,477.02	\$396,779.32

Thank you for your consideration of the request.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Tully-Dartez, President
South Arkansas College

Agency:University of Arkansas East Arkansas Community CollegeBusiness Area Code:0170

Program Title:Arkansas Linking Industry to Grow Nurses (ALIGN) ARPA

Granting Organization:Arkansas Office of Skills DevelopmentCFDA #:21.027

Effective Date of Authorization:Beginning:5/22/2025Ending:6/30/2025

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
Funding through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 will provide for the ALIGN Program at UA-EACC Secondary Center to deliver a program of study in Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN). This funding shall cover for actual expenditures incurred by UA-EACC SC such as classroom equipment, textbooks, student supplies, and other items needed to properly teach the SCC LPN program.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area:CCOLFund Code:211ARP1Direct Funding: X
Funds Center:D63Internal Order/WBS Element:State:
Continuation:

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	
Extra Help	
Personal Services Matching	
Operating Expenses	52,828
Conference & Travel Expenses	1,500
Professional Fees	
Capital Outlay	
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	
Other:	
Other:	
Total	\$54,328

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds:06/30/2026

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DFA IGS State Technology PlanningDate

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Approved by:

Christy Jackson5/23/2025Cayce Raney06/03/25

Cabinet Secretary/Agency DirectorDateOffice of BudgetDateOffice of Personnel MgmtDate



Hugh McDonald
SECRETARY OF
COMMERCE

**Stephanie
Isaacs**
DIRECTOR,
OFFICE OF SKILLS
DEVELOPMENT

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ARKANSAS OFFICE OF SKILLS DEVELOPMENT
AND

East Arkansas Community College Secondary Center

MOU # ALIGN 252628

ASSURANCES AND COMPLIANCE: This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the State of Arkansas. The parties agree to comply with Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Executive Order 11246, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and the related regulations to each. Each Party assures that it will not discriminate against any individual on the basis of race, religion, creed, color, sex, age, disability, veteran status, or national origin. Nothing in this MOU may be construed to waive the sovereign or statutory immunities of either Party.

PERIOD COVERED: This MOU shall take effect on August 1, 2024, or the date signed by both Parties. The MOU shall continue through September 30, 2026.

PARTIES: Parties to this MOU are the Arkansas Office of Skills Development (OSD) and East Arkansas Community College Secondary Center (EACC SC). OSD is a state agency authorized to award strategic grants to public and private organizations for the development and implementation of Arkansas workforce training programs. EACC SC serve to advance nursing profession by preparing graduates to meet ever-changing client needs for health care.

BACKGROUND: The State of Arkansas has recognized the challenge that the healthcare industry faces due to the nursing shortage that exists across the United States. OSD and Arkansas institutions of higher education have been empowered to design, develop, and implement innovative programs to fill this ever-increasing gap through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 for the *Arkansas Linking Industry to Grow Nurses (ALIGN) Program*. This grant program is aimed at upskilling lower-level professionals, expanding nursing apprenticeships, increasing nurse educator recruitment and retention, expanding clinical rotations, increasing nursing program capacity where relevant, reimbursing tuition, purchasing equipment, implementing simulation centers, and expanding labs.

PURPOSE OF MOU: To provide funding through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 for the *ALIGN Program* at EACC SC, which will deliver a program of study in Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN). EACC SC is a multi-district vocational center located on the EACC Forrest City campus. This MOU addresses the budget deficit between the vocational center aid, based on LPN program enrollment, allocated to EACC SC for state fiscal years 2025 and 2026 and the fixed costs of offering the LPN program during that period.

FUNDING: The funding available under this MOU shall not exceed \$54,327.43. This funding shall be reduced by the vocational center aid awarded for state fiscal years 2025 and 2026. The resulting amount shall cover actual expenditures incurred by EACC SC during state fiscal years 2025 and 2026. The funding

deficit covered by this MOU involves expenditures for instructor salaries, classroom equipment and textbooks, student supplies, and other fees necessitated by the LPN program offered through EACC SC.

Itemized descriptions of covered expenses are detailed in the document titled “EACC Secondary Center Approved Budget for ALIGN Funding,” which is attached to and incorporated with this MOU.

OSD will reimburse EACC SC upon receipt of documentation, expenses consistent with the “EACC Secondary Center Approved Budget for ALIGN Funding” that have been incurred.

Invoices and supporting documents shall be submitted to OSD, Lesia Edwards at lesia.edwards@arkansas.gov.

PROGRAM REPORTING:

EACC SC will provide reports to OSD as requested. These reports shall contain:


- Verified enrollment data
- Certifications/credentials earned
- Expenditures
- Concurrent credit hours earned
- Employment outcomes

INFORMATION EXCHANGE AND CONFIDENTIALITY: The Parties agree to abide by the privacy and nondisclosure provisions of the Family Educational Rights Privacy Act, its associated federal regulations, and Arkansas privacy laws to the extent they apply.

MODIFICATION: This MOU may be modified only by written agreement signed by both Parties.

MOU NOT VALID UNLESS SIGNED BY ALL PARTIES AND ALL INFORMATION FILLED OUT:

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE:

<div>DocuSigned by:  63CD5A6E81D243A</div> <div>Dr. Cathie Cline, President</div>			<div>8/8/2024</div> <div>Date</div>		
East Arkansas Community College		(870) 633-4480, ext. 210		ccline@eacc.edu	

STATE STAFF:

Stephanie Isaacs, Director, Office of Skills Development Arkansas Department of Commerce		Date	
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FUND ACCOUNT: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

MOU Expiration Date	APPROPRIATION CODE	APPROPRIATION FUND	APPROPRIATION CHARACTER	SOURCE OF FUNDS	REVENUE CODE	Office of Skills Dev. Cost Ctr
09/30/2026	BX7	FRP9020	04	FEDERAL	N/A	B902102000
Total MOU Funding	\$ 54,327.43					

EACC Secondary Center					
Approved Budget for ALIGN Funding					
	Year 1	Year 2	Total	Line #	
Classroom/Lab Equipment					
Computer Lab for HS program	\$ 25,000.00		\$ 25,000.00	1	
Total Classroom/Lab Equipment	\$ 25,000.00		\$ 25,000.00		
Supplies/Expenses					
Office/Ed. Supplies	\$ 15,482.00	\$ 15,482.00	\$ 30,964.00	2	8
Postage	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00	3	9
Duplicating	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,500.00	4	10
Professional Fees	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00	5	11
Instit. Membership	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Travel	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,500.00	6	12
Reg. & Conf. Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Insurance	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 500.00	7	13
Total Supplies/Expenses	\$ 17,307.00	\$ 17,307.00	\$ 34,614.00		
Total Adjusted Request	\$ 42,307.00	\$ 17,307.00	\$ 59,614.00		
Total Adjusted Award (91.132% of Total)	\$38,555.22	\$15,772.22	\$54,327.43		

Agency:Arkansas State University-BeebeBusiness Area Code:0120

Program Title:Arkansas Linking Industry to Grow Nurses (ALIGN) ARPA

Granting Organization:Arkansas Office of Skills DevelopmentCFDA #:

Effective Date of Authorization:Beginning:8/1/2024Ending:6/30/2025

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
Please see attached MOU.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: UNIVFund Code: 206ARP1Direct Funding: x
Funds Center: D52Internal Order/WBS Element:State:
Continuation:

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	190,293
Extra Help	-
Personal Services Matching	49,571
Operating Expenses	77,462
Conference & Travel Expenses	5,468
Professional Fees	-
Capital Outlay	287,066
Data Processing	-
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	-
Other:	-
Other:	-
Total	\$609,860

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds:6/30/2026

DFA IGS State Technology Planning**Date**
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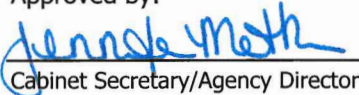
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Approved by:

5-28-25
Cabinet Secretary/Agency DirectorDate

Cayce Raney06/03/25
Office of BudgetDate

Office of Personnel MgmtDate

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Hugh McDonald
SECRETARY OF
COMMERCE

Stephanie
Isaacs
DIRECTOR,
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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ARKANSAS OFFICE OF SKILLS DEVELOPMENT
AND

Arkansas State University Beebe Regional Career Center

MOU # ALIGN 252621

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PERIOD COVERED: This MOU shall take effect on August 1, 2024, or the date signed by both Parties. The MOU shall continue through September 30, 2026.

PARTIES: Parties to this MOU are the Arkansas Office of Skills Development (OSD) and Arkansas State University Beebe Regional Career Center (ASU Beebe Regional CC). OSD is a state agency authorized to award strategic grants to public and private organizations for the development and implementation of Arkansas workforce training programs. ASU Beebe Regional CC serves to advance nursing profession by preparing graduates to meet ever-changing client needs for health care.

BACKGROUND: The State of Arkansas has recognized the challenge that the healthcare industry faces due to the nursing shortage that exists across the United States. OSD and Arkansas institutions of higher education have been empowered to design, develop, and implement innovative programs to fill this ever-increasing gap through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 for the *Arkansas Linking Industry to Grow Nurses (ALIGN) Program*. This grant program is aimed at upskilling lower-level professionals, expanding nursing apprenticeships, increasing nurse educator recruitment and retention, expanding clinical rotations, increasing nursing program capacity where relevant, reimbursing tuition, purchasing equipment, implementing simulation centers, and expanding labs.

PURPOSE OF MOU: To provide funding through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 for the *ALIGN Program* at ASU Beebe Regional CC, which will deliver a program of study in Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN). ASU Beebe Regional CC is a multi-district vocational center located on the Arkansas State University Searcy (ASU Searcy) campus. This MOU addresses the budget deficit between the vocational center aid, based on LPN program enrollment, allocated to ASU Beebe Regional CC for state fiscal years 2025 and 2026 and the fixed costs of offering the LPN program during that period.

FUNDING: The funding available under this MOU shall not exceed \$609,859.90. This funding shall be reduced by the vocational center aid awarded for state fiscal years 2025 and 2026. The resulting amount shall cover actual expenditures incurred by ASU Beebe Regional CC during state fiscal years 2025 and

2026. The funding deficit covered by this MOU involves expenditures for instructor salaries, classroom equipment and textbooks, student supplies, and other fees necessitated by the LPN program offered through ASU Beebe Regional CC.

Itemized descriptions of covered expenses are detailed in the document titled "ASU Beebe Regional Career Center Approved Budget for ALIGN Funding," which is attached to and incorporated with this MOU.

OSD will reimburse ASU Beebe Regional CC, upon receipt of documentation, expenses consistent with the "ASU Beebe Regional Career Center Approved Budget for ALIGN Funding" that have been incurred.

Invoices and supporting documents shall be submitted to OSD, Lesia Edwards at lesia.edwards@arkansas.gov.

PROGRAM REPORTING:

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MODIFICATION: This MOU may be modified only by written agreement signed by both Parties.

MOU NOT VALID UNLESS SIGNED BY ALL PARTIES AND ALL INFORMATION FILLED OUT:

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE:

Dr. Jennifer Methvin, Chancellor		Date
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STATE STAFF:

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Cody Waits, Director, Workforce Connections Arkansas Department of Commerce	Date

FUND ACCOUNT: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

MOU Expiration Date	APPROPRIATION CODE	APPROPRIATION FUND	APPROPRIATION CHARACTER	SOURCE OF FUNDS	REVENUE CODE	Office of Skills Dev. Cost Ctr
09/30/2026	BX7	FRP9020	04	FEDERAL	N/A	B902102000
Total MOU Funding	\$ 609,859.90					

Approved Budget for ALIGN Funding					
ASU Searcy					
	Year 1	Year 2	Total	Line #	
				Year 1	Year 2
<i>Salaries/Benefits</i>	\$ 72,000.00	\$ 191,205.00	\$ 263,205.00	1	5
<i>Professional Development for Instructors</i>	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	2	6
<i>Classroom Supplies/Equipment</i>					
Simulators, Manikins, Hospital Beds	\$ 290,000.52	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 315,000.52	3	7
Classroom Furnishings and Equipment	\$ 34,999.48	\$ -	\$ 34,999.48	4	
Nursing Lab - Various Instructional Equipment, Student Expenditures, and Expendables	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 50,000.00		8
<i>Total Classroom Supplies/Equipment</i>	\$ 350,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 400,000.00		
<i>Total Adjusted Request</i>	\$ 424,000.00	\$ 245,205.00	\$ 669,205.00		
<i>Total Adjusted Award (91.132% of Total)</i>	\$386,399.68	\$223,460.22	\$609,859.90		

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ARKANSAS OFFICE OF SKILLS DEVELOPMENT
AND

Arkansas State University Newport IGNITE Academy

MOU # ALIGN 252622

ASSURANCES AND COMPLIANCE: This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the State of Arkansas. The parties agree to comply with Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Executive Order 11246, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and the related regulations to each. Each Party assures that it will not discriminate against any individual on the basis of race, religion, creed, color, sex, age, disability, veteran status, or national origin. Nothing in this MOU may be construed to waive the sovereign or statutory immunities of either Party.

PERIOD COVERED: This MOU shall take effect on August 1, 2024, or the date signed by both Parties. The MOU shall continue through September 30, 2026.

PARTIES: Parties to this MOU are the Arkansas Office of Skills Development (OSD) and Arkansas State University Newport IGNITE Academy (ASU Newport IGNITE). OSD is a state agency authorized to award strategic grants to public and private organizations for the development and implementation of Arkansas workforce training programs. ASU Newport IGNITE serves to advance nursing profession by preparing graduates to meet ever-changing client needs for health care.

BACKGROUND: The State of Arkansas has recognized the challenge that the healthcare industry faces due to the nursing shortage that exists across the United States. OSD and Arkansas institutions of higher education have been empowered to design, develop, and implement innovative programs to fill this ever-increasing gap through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 for the *Arkansas Linking Industry to Grow Nurses (ALIGN) Program*. This grant program is aimed at upskilling lower-level professionals, expanding nursing apprenticeships, increasing nurse educator recruitment and retention, expanding clinical rotations, increasing nursing program capacity where relevant, reimbursing tuition, purchasing equipment, implementing simulation centers, and expanding labs.

PURPOSE OF MOU: To provide funding through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 for the *ALIGN Program* at ASU Newport IGNITE, which will deliver a program of study in Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN). ASU Newport IGNITE is a multi-district vocational center located on the Arkansas State University Newport (Newport and Jonesboro campuses) This MOU addresses the budget deficit between the vocational center aid, based on LPN program enrollment, allocated to ASU Newport IGNITE for state fiscal years 2025 and 2026 and the fixed costs of offering the LPN program during that period.

FUNDING: The funding available under this MOU shall not exceed \$428,014.20. This funding shall be reduced by the vocational center aid awarded for state fiscal years 2025 and 2026. The resulting amount shall cover actual expenditures incurred by ASU Newport IGNITE during state fiscal years 2025 and 2026.

The funding deficit covered by this MOU involves expenditures for instructor salaries, classroom equipment and textbooks, student supplies, and other fees necessitated by the LPN program offered through ASU Newport IGNITE.

Itemized descriptions of covered expenses are detailed in the document titled "ASU Newport IGNITE Academy Approved Budget for ALIGN Funding," which is attached to and incorporated with this MOU.

OSD will reimburse ASU Newport IGNITE upon receipt of documentation, expenses consistent with the "ASU Newport IGNITE Academy Approved Budget for ALIGN Funding" that have been incurred.

Invoices and supporting documents shall be submitted to OSD, Lesia Edwards at lesia.edwards@arkansas.gov.

PROGRAM REPORTING:

ASU Newport IGNITE will provide reports to OSD as requested. These reports shall contain:

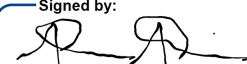
- Verified enrollment data
- Certifications/credentials earned
- Expenditures
- Concurrent credit hours earned
- Employment outcomes

INFORMATION EXCHANGE AND CONFIDENTIALITY: The Parties agree to abide by the privacy and nondisclosure provisions of the Family Educational Rights Privacy Act, its associated federal regulations, and Arkansas privacy laws to the extent they apply.

MODIFICATION: This MOU may be modified only by written agreement signed by both Parties.

MOU NOT VALID UNLESS SIGNED BY ALL PARTIES AND ALL INFORMATION FILLED OUT:

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE:

Signed by:  8/12/2024 <small>0D1F425AF7E94E5...</small>		
Adam Adair, Executive Vice Chancellor/CFO		Date
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Total MOU Funding	\$ 428,014.20					

ASU Newport IGNITE Academy						
Approved Budget for ALIGN Funding						
	Newport		Jonesboro		Line #	
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 1	Year 2
Salaries/Benefits	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	1	13
Student Supplies/Expenses						
TB Skin Test	\$ 1,125.00	\$ 1,125.00	\$ 1,485.00	\$ 1,125.00	2	14
Illegal Drug Screen	\$ 1,125.00	\$ 1,125.00	\$ 1,485.00	\$ 1,125.00	3	15
Scrubs	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,980.00	\$ 1,980.00	4	16
Criminal Background Check	\$ 1,650.00	\$ 1,650.00	\$ 2,178.00	\$ 1,650.00	5	17
Malpractice	\$ 375.00	\$ 375.00	\$ 495.00	\$ 495.00	6	18
CNA Testing	\$ 1,875.00	\$ 1,875.00	\$ 1,875.00	\$ 1,875.00	7	19
Nursing Next Networking Career Development Series	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,650.00	\$ 1,250.00	8	20
Medical Software and Service Licenses		\$ 1,800.00		\$ 1,800.00		21
Total Student Supplies/Expenses	\$ 8,900.00	\$ 10,700.00	\$ 11,148.00	\$ 11,300.00		
Classroom Supplies						
9th Generation iPad (Apple)	\$ 3,948.00		\$ 3,948.00		9	
Otter box defender series	\$ 1,080.00		\$ 1,080.00		10	
Cerner Software Annual licensing	\$ 3,600.00		\$ 3,600.00		11	
Classroom Set of Books for LPN Prep Year 2 (Capping at 8:1 Student: Clinical Instructor Ratio) (Body Structure and Function)			\$ 560.00			22
Classroom Set of Books for LPN Prep Year 2 (Capping at 8:1 Student: Clinical Instructor Ratio) (Math for Nurses)			\$ 1,000.00			23
Classroom Set of Books for LPN Prep Year 2 (Capping at 8:1 Student: Clinical Instructor Ratio) (Intro to Nutrition)			\$ 800.00			24
Nursing Process 1 and Practicum Supplies bundle			\$ 1,200.00			25
Transfer VR Headset Licenses (classroom set)	\$ 25,200.00	\$ 26,400.00	\$ 25,200.00	\$ 26,400.00	12	26
NCLEX Test Prep course and test				\$ 3,600.00		27
Total Classroom Supplies	\$ 33,828.00	\$ 26,400.00	\$ 37,388.00	\$ 30,000.00		
Totals	\$ 92,728.00	\$ 87,100.00	\$ 148,536.00	\$ 141,300.00		
Totals by Year	Year 1	Year 2	Total Adjusted Request			
	\$ 241,264.00	\$ 228,400.00	\$ 469,664.00			
Total Adjusted Award (91.132% of Total)	\$ 219,868.71	\$ 208,145.49	\$ 428,014.20			