



Partnership & Stipend Opportunity for Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Training Programs Informational Webinar

October 17, 2024

Welcome!

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Partnership & Stipend Opportunity for CNA Training Programs

What is Project Firstline?

- A CDC-funded initiative that develops, provides, and raises awareness of infection prevention and control (IPC) education and training resources
- Our partners include local health departments, skilled nursing facilities, professional organizations, and CNA training programs



Addressing IPC Training Needs

- We surveyed CNA training programs and current CNAs
 - 55% of CNA training programs and 56% of current CNAs shared IPC implementation and outcomes for students and staff would be improved by having a dedicated IPC practice space and additional equipment
 - 94% of CNA training programs shared that a financial stipend from CDPH would be beneficial in obtaining needed training equipment and resources

Supporting Rising Healthcare Worker Learning

- CDPH HAI Program is offering a partnership and stipend opportunity to establish or enhance IPC skills labs and curriculum in California CNA training programs
- Selected participants will receive
 - A \$20,000 stipend
 - Recognition on CDPH HAI Program webpage as a CNA training program committed to providing a robust IPC curriculum to students



Make an Impact

- Provide financial and educational resources to staff and students
- Empower program educators in learning about IPC educational topics and strategies using Project Firstline materials
- Empower students by enhancing IPC skills labs or training curriculum

Together we can decrease and prevent healthcare-associated infections (HAIs)!

Partnership Timeline



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Application Phase

October 1 -
December 31,
2024

Phase 1

January 1 –
June 30th,
2025

Phase 2

July 1, 2025 –
June 30,
2026

Application Phase: Key Dates

- Application open: October 1 – November 15, 2024
 - Application asks questions about current curriculum, project interest, and commitment
 - Contact ProjectFirstline@cdph.ca.gov for assistance
- **Submit application via online form by November 15, 2024**
- Receive application status letters and awardee packet by December 31, 2024



Application Phase: Application Review Process

- The CDPH HAI Program will select up to 42 stipend recipients via competitive application, with priority to those training programs that:
 - Have expressed commitment to establishing or improving IPC curriculum (e.g., by using Project Firstline IPC trainings)
 - Are located in regions of the state where healthcare facilities may benefit from additional resources to improve health outcomes (e.g., per Healthy Places Index (HPI) scores)

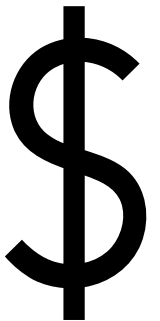
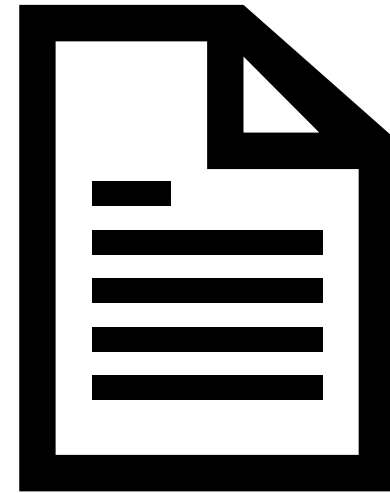
Phase 1: January 1 – June 30, 2025

- Maintain training program contact information
- Agree to have program on CDPH HAI Program webpage
- Submit W-9 and payout information for funds distribution by June 30, 2025



Phase 1: Stipend Processing Timeline

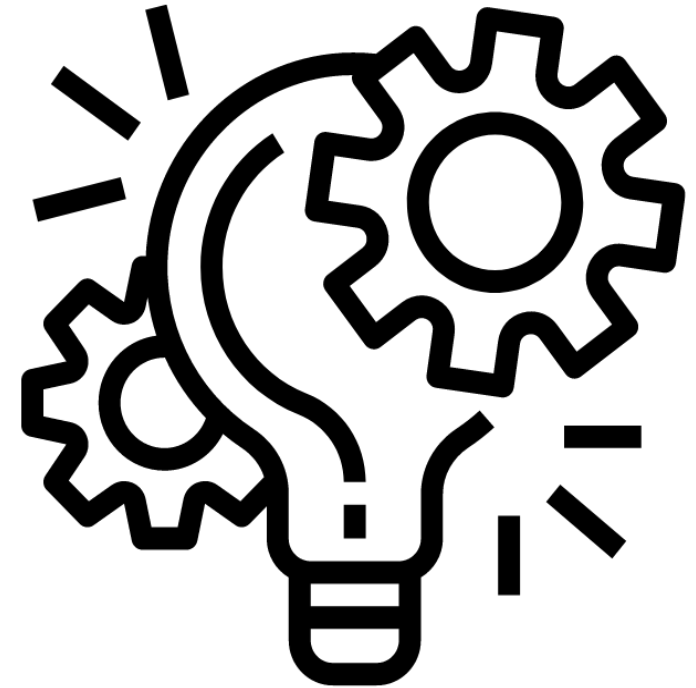
- Submit a W-9 and payout information for funds distribution
- We will process stipends on a rolling basis after necessary paperwork is received
 - Please note that it may take up to 8 weeks to receive your payment
- Training programs forfeit their stipend if required forms are not submitted by the end of Phase 1 – June 30, 2025



Phase 1: Using Stipend Funds

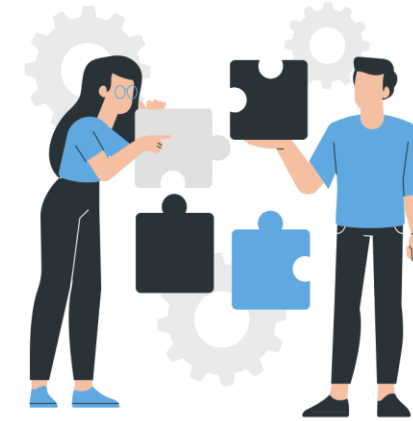
- Ideas for use:
 - Training equipment (e.g., personal protective equipment)
 - Support hiring or staff or student materials and fees

CDPH HAI Program Nurse Educators are available for one-on-one consultations regarding purchases and implementation plans!



Phase 2: July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

- Maintain training program contact information
- Incorporate Project Firstline IPC trainings (if using)
- Document and provide quarterly progress updates
- Arrange optional meet and greet with CDPH HAI Program Nurse Educators
- Attend optional virtual partnership meetings



CDPH HAI Program Nurse Educators are available for one-on-one consultations regarding IPC training and implementation plans!

Phase 2: Quarterly Reporting

- Share your progress and experience
 - Skills lab development
 - IPC training implementation
 - Partnership self-reflection
- Submit responses via SurveyMonkey
 - Quarter 1 (July 1 – September 30, 2025) – Due October 15, 2025
 - Quarter 2 (October 10 – December 31, 2025) – Due January 15, 2026
 - Quarter 3 (January 1 – March 31, 2026) – Due April 15, 2026
 - Quarter 4 (April 1 – June 30, 2026) – Due July 15, 2026



Phase 2: Meet and Greet

- Opportunity to showcase training program efforts
- Examples:
 - Training program visit/tour to showcase your training program's efforts
 - Guest lecture (virtual or in-person) with CDPH HAI Program Nurse Educators to review specific topics based on your training program's needs and interests



Phase 2: Virtual Partnership Meetings

- Review:
 - CNA IPC topics
 - Case scenarios
 - Implementation experiences
- Cadence to be determined by participating partners



A learning and engagement opportunity
for your training program!

Phase 2: Example Partnership Meeting Topics

- Standard Precautions, Transmission-Based Precautions
- IPC in oral care, feeding, bathing, dressing, and other CNA tasks
- CNA role in preventing spread of multidrug-resistant organisms (MDROs)

Partners
may contribute
additional discussion
topics or present on
their training
program efforts!

Phase 2: One-on-One Consultations

- Work with CDPH HAI Program Nurse Educators virtually to:
 - Discuss implementation strategies
 - Address project concerns
 - Discuss successes



An opportunity to discuss how we can best support your training program!

Application and Timeline



Application Timeline

**October
1, 2024**
Application
opened

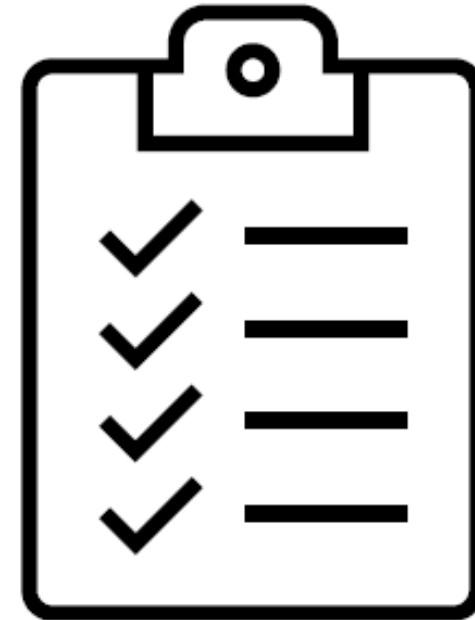
**TODAY
October
17, 2024**
Informational
webinar

**November
15, 2024**
Application
due

**December
31, 2024**
Application
status
notifications

CNA Training Program Information

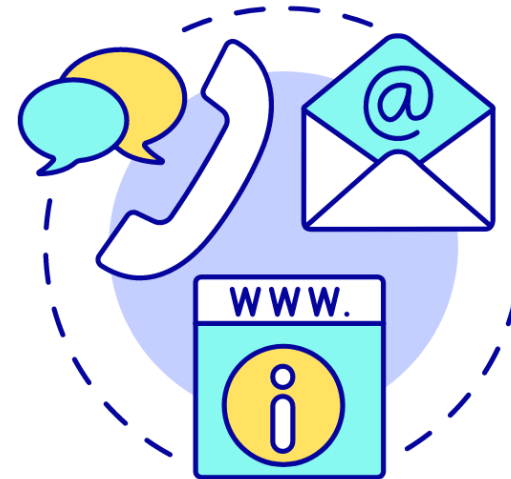
- Training program name
- Training program complete address



Training programs with multiple sites may submit separate applications for each site.

Primary and Secondary Contact Information

- Name
- Phone
- Email
- Primary role



Primary contacts will be in primary communication and coordination with the CDPH HAI Program team. Secondary contacts can include Directors, Administrators, Office Managers, Educators, etc., and will be copied on communications.

Training Program Information

- Training duration per cohort (e.g., 12 weeks)
- Number of cohorts convened in one calendar year
- Number of students who complete the training program per year
- Type of training program (e.g., high school regional occupational program, community college, private school, skilled nursing facility)
- Percent of graduates employed as a CNA in different healthcare settings
- Skills lab status (e.g., looking to establish a skills lab)

Tell us about your training program's reach and need for support!

Current Curriculum

- Languages in which CNA Training program coursework is offered
- Specific IPC, Personal Care, or nursing skills topics offered
 - Environmental cleaning and disinfection
 - Personal protective equipment (PPE)
 - Standard Precautions
 - Enhanced barrier precautions
 - Bathing and dressing
 - Nail care and shaving
 - Oral care and feeding
 - Positioning and transferring
 - Skin, perineal, and urinary catheter care

Current IPC Curriculum

- Project Firstline IPC training materials incorporation
- How IPC trainings are provided in your training program
- Describe one or more of the following:
 - How you will incorporate Project Firstline IPC training materials for CNAs in your program's curriculum
 - Your future plans for incorporating Project Firstline IPC training materials for CNAs into your curriculum
 - Your current CNA IPC training syllabus

Attach a copy of your IPC training syllabus or other supporting documents.

Project Interest & Commitment

- Program's maintain reasons for applying, plans for using the stipend, and interest in additional partnership opportunities
- Agree to:
 - Maintain training program contact information
 - Document and provide quarterly progress updates
 - Coordinate an in-person or virtual meet and greet
 - Attend partnership meetings to discuss training strategies, IPC successes, and best practices



Next Steps and Additional Resources

Apply Today!

- Submit applications via online form by Friday, November 15, 2024
- Scan the QR code and start your application today!



Project Firstline CNA Toolkits



Check out the
Project Firstline
Toolkits!



[Project Firstline Toolkit](http://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/HAI/Pages/ProjectFirstlineToolkit.aspx)

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CNA Infection Prevention Training

Module	Topic
1	Standard Precautions
2	Personal Protective Equipment
3	Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection
4	Skin, Perineal, and Urinary Catheter Care
5	Oral Care and Feeding
6	Positioning and Transferring
7	Bathing and Dressing
8	Nail Care

Each module includes:

1. Curriculum slides
2. Pre- and post-training questions with answer key
3. Embedded knowledge checks
4. FAQ document with references

Thank You 😊

Questions?



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