



Healthcare Workforce Initiatives Tompkins County

LPN Training - We have a meeting scheduled with TST BOCES and Cayuga Medical Center to reinvigorate efforts to create a LPN Training Program in Tompkins County. OCM BOCES closed the Cortland LPN program, our closest option for LPN Training. In 2017 we worked with 13 local health care providers to quantify the demand for LPN's and the difficulty local employers are having with hiring. The two challenges have been identifying a training provider and a location. We are identifying potential sources of funding for program startup.

Health Career Expo 2019 – Planning has begun for the 2019 Health Career Expo. The Expo is for high school students from a broad region and is a hands-on opportunity to explore careers in health care. We expect as many as 350-400 students and chaperones. The event will be November 25, 2019 and will once again be held at Ithaca College.

SkillUp Tompkins Launch – Effective April 2019 the Workforce Development Board has launched SkillUp Tompkins. SkillUp Tompkins is a community initiative that provides unlimited access to online learning courses. SkillUp Tompkins includes a Health Career Pathway with over fifteen health care occupations and provides online courses that teach skills employers are seeking. We are partnering with local employment program providers to help individuals access the training, create learning plans, select career pathways and identify job opportunities.