

# Community Behavioral Health

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The Kansas Behavioral Health Center of Excellence (KBHCE) was established to support educational and training opportunities in behavioral health to strengthen and increase the workforce. To that end, KBHCE is employing a number of strategies to both develop emerging leaders ready to enter the workforce as well as support and retain the existing workforce.

Nursing staff are a vital component of the behavioral health workforce. While training and education for nursing students are available across the state at many of our community and technical colleges, recruitment and retention of faculty to provide the instruction for these programs can be a challenge.

KBHCE is offering grants to Kansas community and technical college two-year nursing programs of up to \$5,550 per nursing program faculty member for retention bonuses. Funds are available on a rolling, first come first served basis until all funds are expended. If awarded, funding must be used in State Fiscal Year 2025.

Each community and technical college may apply for up to \$5,000 for each full- or part-time college nursing faculty member or director of nursing education who is involved in the successful operation of the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) or Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) program.

Colleges should provide the total number eligible faculty members for whom funding is being requested as well as the total amount of funding being requested (up to a maximum of \$5,000 per faculty member). If requesting for a part-time faculty member, the faculty member should be reported as a percentage of time (e.g., 0.75 time), and the amount requested for the bonus for the employee should be pro-rated accordingly. Each college may also request up to \$550 per eligible employee to cover the cost of employer related taxes covering the bonus payment.

To apply, please submit the following information to Michelle Ponce at [mponce@acmhck.org](mailto:mponce@acmhck.org):

- Full legal name of institution requesting funding
- Contact person, with the legal ability to execute funding agreement
  - Full name
  - Title
  - Mailing address
  - Daytime phone number
  - Email address
- Brief description of your institution's nursing program (degrees/classes offered, and approximate number of annual nursing graduates)
- Total number of faculty members for whom funding is being requested
- Total amount of funding requested (maximum of \$5,550 per eligible faculty member)
- Detailed information for each faculty member for which funding is requested
  - Name
  - Title
  - Degree program
  - Employment status (i.e., full- or part-time)

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- Total amount of funding requested for this faculty member (bonus and employer tax)

Applicants will be notified of funding award decision within two weeks of acknowledged receipt of funding request by CBH. If additional information is required to inform the funding decision, CBH will make such request within the two-week decision time frame.

If awarded, total funding will be provided upon execution of services agreement. A report detailing accounting of use of funds is required to be submitted to CBH no later than June 15, 2025.