

Long-Term Care Today Workforce & Job Quality Crisis

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Worker-Centered Programming





"Everything that LTCWs has provided has been wonderful. I tried other programs, but I couldn't do those and pay my bills. Being able to go through this program while getting a stipend has made it possible for me to become a CNA."

— Trude L., CNA apprentice from Milwaukie, Oregon

Union-Employer Partnerships





"Certified nursing assistants (CNAs) are the backbone of our facility. RISE Partnership and the CNA Apprenticeship remove barriers to hire and retain quality CNAs, and that leads to better patient outcomes."

-Anne Haddock, facility administrator, PACS Timberline Post Acute.

Retention Drivers











Fair compensation & Quality Benefits Safe working conditions

Rewarding work with growth Voice on the job







Delivered by RISE Partnership

Carewell SEIU 503 is the family of training, education, and benefits which help 35,000 inhome care providers to enhance their lives and drive their futures.



Carewell SEIU 503 Benefits \$0 Premium Cost to Care Providers





Healthcare Cost Assistance: Premium & OOP assistance Fully Paid Dental, Vision, Hearing, EAP

Paid Time Off (PTO)

Job matching platform

Carewell Worker Training







Required every 2 years beginning 3/1/26



Workforce Partnership with Skilled Nursing Facilities



Our yearlong, Oregon-registered CNA Apprenticeship provides:

Classroom instruction Paid stipend Prep for state exam Care package On-the-job learning Career Coaching Job placement Wraparound supports

...at no cost to the apprentice.





Essential Worker

Healthcare Trust

Program Overview

1st of its kind partnership between Employers, Union, State & Feds

• Increase access to affordable healthcare for frontline workers

• Significantly reduced costs for long-term care employees

 Workforce Solution: Reduce turnover and improve quality of care

EWHT Difference

Plan Details	Previous Employer Plans	EWHT
Monthly Premium Share Individual/Spousal/Family	\$114/\$464/\$618	\$35/\$70/\$105
Out-of-pocket Maximums – Ind & Family	\$6700/\$13,500	\$2000/\$4000
Deductible – Ind & Family	\$2400/\$5000	\$800/1600



"Since the EWHT has become an option to provide to our staff, I have found it as a top selling point to getting clinical and administrative staff hired at the facility level. This is an incredible plan that we feel lucky to be able to provide."

> -Ashley Melton, Glisan Post Acute, Administrator

"Having a great health plan through the EWHT makes me feel confident in staying at Corvallis Manor Nursing & Rehabilitation Center for the long haul—so much so that I'm also going to school to get my LPN degree and advance my career right here."

-Sarah Cubba, Certified Medication Aide





Care Careers for the 21st Century



The challenge:

As the demand for care is skyrocketing, longterm care employers are facing a once-in-acentury staffing crisis, while workers struggle with intersecting challenges.

The Vision

- 1. Current, future workers see career opportunities
- 2. All care roles in Long-Term Care are connected in a lattice
- 3. Stackable competency-based credentials
- 4. Portable benefits



The Vision

- 5. Reduced occupational segregation
- 6. No education costs to workers, no profits to training companies
- 7. Barriers are removed
 - > Wrap-around supports
 - > Earn as you learn
 - Apprenticeship model adapted for care industry and workers
 - Reassess degree and licensure requirements
 - > International experience credit







2025: Nursing Career Pathway Launch

