

NEW TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE>>>

NURSING EXPANSION INSTITUTE: FAST TRACKING SUCCESS

The Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration (DOL/ETA) is excited to announce the **Nursing Expansion Institute: Fast Tracking Success**, an in-person convening for all DOL Nursing Expansion grantees. This three-day convening will run Wednesday, September 4 to Friday, September 6, 2024, in Washington D.C. This event is an opportunity to learn and share useful and relevant information and connect with your grant peers.

Information about registration, accommodations, and content can be found on the [Nursing Expansion Institute Registration](#) website. To attend the event, you must complete the [registration form](#) (booking the hotel is a separate step and does not register you for the event).

Learn more about what to expect from this stimulating event on page four of this newsletter.

We look forward to seeing you in September!

All technical assistance resources will now be housed on the [Nursing Expansion Community of Practice](#).

TIME TO REPORT PARTICIPANT DATA

Nursing Expansion grantees will upload PIRL data and create their first Quarterly Performance Report (QPR) for the quarter ending June 30, 2024. Please start early to ensure both your QPR and Quarterly Narrative Report (QNR) are complete and certified in the Workforce Integrated Performance System (WIPS) by **August 15, 2024**.

Extensive resources are on the Community of Practice, including a four-part reporting orientation recorded event series. Contact NursingExpansion@dol.gov with performance reporting questions.

- [Nursing Expansion - Performance Reporting Guidance and Technical Assistance](#)
- [WIPS Login](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS>>>

JULY

- TBD: Updated Policy FAQ Sheet
- TBD: Walk Through of Policy FAQ Sheet
- July 25, 2:00-3:00 p.m. (ET): Quarterly Reporting Office Hours
- July 30, 3:00-4:00 p.m. (ET) Nursing Expansion Coaches Open Forum

AUGUST

- August 1, 2:00-3:00 p.m. (ET): Quarterly Reporting Office Hours
- August 8, 2:00-3:00 p.m. (ET): Quarterly Reporting Office Hours
- August 15: Quarterly Reports Due
- August 27, 3:00-4:00 p.m. (ET) Nursing Expansion Coaches Open Forum

SEPTEMBER

- September 4-6: Nursing Expansion Institute: Fast Tracking Success

CURRENT TOPICS>>>

THANK YOU!

The Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration and our partners greatly appreciate the grantees that have participated in calls with the evaluation team to kickoff the implementation study. Your engagement will help ensure the study's success!

You can find more information about the implementation study on the Community of Practice: [Nursing Expansion National Evaluation](#)



PREVIOUS QUARTER HIGHLIGHTS>>>

What You May Have Missed...



In this section, we look back at activities and resources provided by the Department of Labor Program Office during the previous quarter. If you missed these resources, visit the [DOL Nursing Expansion Community of Practice](#) to get caught up.

APRIL

- **April 2** – Performance Reporting Orientation 202 (Track 1)
- **April 4** – Performance Reporting Orientation 202 (Track 2)
- **April 11** – Evaluation Kickoff Webinar

MAY

- **May 1** – The Participant Lifecycle: Outreach and Recruitment Peer-to-Peer Event
- **May 9** – Quarterly Performance Reporting Office Hours
- **May 28** – DOL Tip Sheet: Understanding Allowable Preceptor Activity released

JUNE

- **June 4** – Preceptorship Programs Peer-to-Peer Event
- **June 11** – 2021 PIRL v. 1.1 released
- **June 12** – WIPS TIPS and Sample QNR released
- **June 13** – Performance Reporting Orientation 301
- **June 20** – Track 1 Cohort Peer-to-Peer Event
- **June 25** – Peer-to-Peer Open Forum Event

ANNOUNCEMENT>>>

IMPORTANT UPDATE TO THE PIRL

In early June, we shared an updated version of the 2021 H-1B Participant Individual Record Layout (PIRL) schema: [2021 H-1B PIRL schema \(Version 1.1\)](#).

The updated PIRL addresses some minor errors in logical validations and additional necessary updates. This document supersedes the version that was previously distributed and is effective July 1, 2024. The update does not substantially change the schema or outcomes in any way, but make sure your data management systems match this 2021 H-1B schema (Version 1.1) to ensure accuracy.

A summary of the changes can be found in the PIRL document and are outlined below.

Tab 2

PIRL 931 - Corrected allowable code values

PIRL 938 - Revised instructions to expand on the allowable number of digits in the grant number; eliminated options for blank or enter all 9s

Added additional instructions in the Additional H-1B Code Value column for PIRL 400, 904, 938, 1401, and 2106

Tab 4

PIRL 400: Removed 2 and 3 as valid values

PIRL 938: Revised to include both 13 or 14-digit grant numbers

Removed 00 as a valid value for PIRL 1303, 1310, 1315

Tab 6

Included seven currently active rules

Marked 28 rules as currently inactive

Added logic rules for PIRL 400, 907, 938, 1811, 1813, 2122, and 2124

Removed logic rule PIRL 2109F

Revised the code values for Building

Pathways grants in PIRL 105I, 907J, 931E, 1811C, and 1813O

Revised code values in PIRL 901B, 1302C, 1303B, 1303C, 1303E, 1309D, 1310B, 1314D, and 1315B

Revised PIRL 931B to include "blank"

Revised PIRL 1303E, 1303D, 1315D to remove "00"

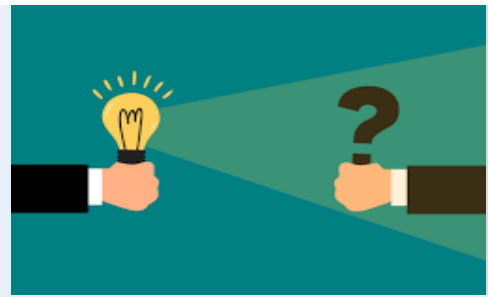
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Please be aware that DOL cannot fully monitor recording activities by external parties.

If you are concerned about your privacy, you may opt for audio-only participation by disabling your video.

IMPORTANT RESOURCES>>>



KEY RESOURCES

Note: Clicking some links below will download the resources automatically.

- [Nursing Expansion Policy FAQ](#)
- [Grantee Handbook](#)
- [Performance Reporting Guidance and Technical Assistance](#)
- Performance Reporting and WIPS Guidance Handbook ([Track 1 version](#) and [Track 2 version](#))
- [H-1B 2021 PIRL v 1.1 for Nursing Expansion Grantees](#)

UPCOMING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE >>>

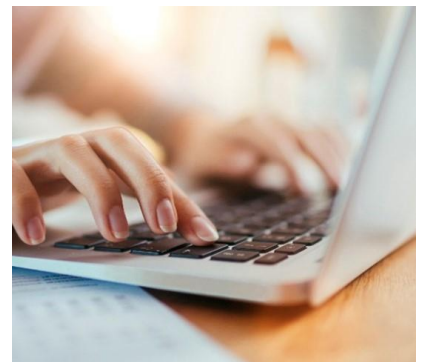
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As highlighted on page one, we are eagerly planning for the upcoming Nursing Expansion Institute. The goals for this event are for grantees to:

- Understand the objective and lifecycle of the Nursing Expansion grant program,
- Network with peers and gain new perspectives from fellow grantees, subject matter experts, and guest presenters,
- Spend time with your respective tracks developing new strategies to address current challenges, and
- Receive technical assistance for program and performance management.

Thank you for responding to our interest survey about this event. We have heard from many grantees that sharing this journey with their peers is a priority, and this in-person convening is the ultimate opportunity to connect and learn together. We can't wait to see from you in September!



DOL NURSING EXPANSION RESOURCE PAGE>>>

HAVE YOU MISSED SOMETHING?

Visit the [DOL Nursing Expansion Community of Practice](#) to stay up to date on all the latest [policy guidance and grant information](#), [technical assistance](#), and [performance reporting resources](#).

ASK DOL>>>

Q: Can I train preceptors with grant funds?

A: The Department of Labor (DOL) recognizes the importance of an experienced nurse, or preceptor, during a trainee's clinical rotation, and acknowledges that barriers exist in recruiting experienced nurses into a preceptor role. However, the circumstances under which grant funds can be used to train preceptors are limited and preceptor training will not be an allowable cost for most grantees.

Preceptorship is incorporated into the grant program as one strategy to support participants in grant-funded nursing training programs. Grant funds spent on preceptor activities must align with the purpose of the grant to expand the pipeline of nursing professionals and fill quality jobs in healthcare. In addition, DOL anticipates that most training provided to preceptors is not standardized and does not meet the grant requirement to result in an industry-recognized postsecondary credential.

For more information about how DOL defines industry-recognized postsecondary credentials, please review [Training and Employment Notice No. 25-19: Understanding Postsecondary Credentials in the Public Workforce System](#) and [Attachment 1: Credential Resources](#). If you have questions about allowable preceptor activities, please consult with your Federal Project Officer (FPO).

If you have any other questions about your grant, reach out to your FPO, who is your primary point of contact.

Evaluation Team Begins Meeting with Nursing Expansion Grantees

The process of meeting with the evaluation team has begun for all Nursing Expansion grantees. These meetings are part of the Sectoral Strategies and Employer Engagement Portfolio implementation study, which will provide a broad and deep understanding of the services grantees' programs offer, coordination across partners including with employers, and participant experiences. The Nursing Expansion program was one of two DOL grant programs selected to build evidence to inform the development of employment strategies that meet employers' needs and promote equitable career opportunities for workers. Most grantees have now had an initial meeting with members of the evaluation team and provided overviews of their programs. Your cooperation in this process and willingness to assist the evaluators is essential to the study's success. Learn more about the study on the Community of Practice: [Nursing Expansion National Evaluation](#).



Need Help?	CONTACT	EMAIL
DOL/grant policy	Your FPO	FPO
Grant modifications	Your FPO	FPO
Grant management	Your FPO	FPO
Fiscal and budget	Your FPO	FPO
Performance policy	NursingExpansion@dol.gov	(copy your FPO)
Reporting system	NursingExpansion@dol.gov	(copy your FPO)
Implementation challenges (e.g., participation outreach, program retention, employer engagement, etc.)	TA Coach	(copy your FPO)
DOL Evaluation	NursingExpansion@dol.gov	(copy your FPO)



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