Good Afternoon,

DDS is excited to announce the extension of the DSW to LPN Certificate Program into the 2024-2025 school year! DDS will support up to 30 full-time Direct Support Workers statewide with up to a $20,000 lifetime benefit in tuition, fees and mandatory LPN certificate program expenses.

To be eligible, a DSW must…

1. Have worked as a DSW for at least 2 years,
2. Be in good standing with their job performance (EPRS),
   1. Be accepted into one of Massachusetts’s 20 full-time LPN certificate programs, and
3. Apply for ***and be accepted*** into the DDS’s DSW to LPN Certificate Program
   1. The 4 DDS Regions will make decisions based on their needs and other criteria
   2. Thirty (30) DSWs will be accepted statewide

In return, the DSW needs to commit to work for two years as an LPN with DDS upon completion of the program and licensure.

If you are a DSW to LPN program eligible staff, please review the information at the link here [DSW to LPN Certificate Program 2024 | Mass.gov](https://www.mass.gov/lists/dsw-to-lpn-certificate-program-2024) and attend an upcoming information session. The information session registration links are here:

2/7/24, 2-3pm Info Session:

[https://umass-amherst.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwpdO6rpzIrGdcNmLpuu3ocoGadHtCg\_K3F](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/umass-amherst.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwpdO6rpzIrGdcNmLpuu3ocoGadHtCg_K3F__;!!CPANwP4y!UqXOuHQTSec8p33HL3ckIMEfYZdIuPV9foEz8Tj6a-iDaDlq0gCyHUc0EeBGEITziUa7GVKx3jIlbxODj39l7FREbtLvMA$)

2/12/24, 4-5pm Info Session:

[https://umass-amherst.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJItceirqT4qHdARis3dUGD9tsq6sBhlcWGR](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/umass-amherst.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJItceirqT4qHdARis3dUGD9tsq6sBhlcWGR__;!!CPANwP4y!UqXOuHQTSec8p33HL3ckIMEfYZdIuPV9foEz8Tj6a-iDaDlq0gCyHUc0EeBGEITziUa7GVKx3jIlbxODj39l7FRH2DINpQ$)

Once you register using the above link, you can save the Zoom meeting information on your Outlook calendar.

We encourage you to explore which programs near you are of interest and see what pre-requisites you need to complete to be accepted and what the deadlines for application are. You can also send questions to this email box. [ddscooperationsemail@mass.gov](mailto:ddscooperationsemail@mass.gov) .

Thank you.

DDS Management