

# Announcing the winners of the \$750,000 Rethink Adult Ed Challenge

## Thursday, September 09, 2021

I'm happy to share that we were a runner up in the Rethink Adult Education Challenge, USDOE. We were the ONLY California recipient!! A huge shout out to the team that accomplished this achievement, which was Shelly Laddusaw, SCE Coordinator; Angelena Pride, Off Campus HS Director; Adriene Price, Grants Director and Dr. Tami Pearson, Dean, Continuing Education.

We're so proud of our SCE team for such a huge honor and how it reflects the importance of noncredit education, in this case our health careers programs, for our community of adult learners.

Best,  
Madelyn

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### [U.S. Department of Education announces five winners in the \\$750,000 challenge](#)

Today, the U.S. Department of Education announced the grand-prize winner and the four runners-up in the Rethink Adult Ed Challenge, a \$750,000 competition to advance pre-apprenticeships. The challenge judging panel — which brought together experts in adult education, workforce development, and social services — selected the five winning designs out of 85 submissions from across 31 states, Guam, and the District of Columbia.



“The Rethink Adult Ed Challenge proved the demand for training opportunities that are responsive to the evolving needs of American businesses — and our adult learners. We are thrilled to recognize the high potential of these diverse programs and look forward to seeing their learners thrive in future careers.”

— Dr. Miguel Cardona, Secretary of Education

Congratulations to the grand-prize winner, who will receive \$250,000:

- Northampton Community College (Bethlehem, Pennsylvania)

Congratulations to the first runner-up, who will receive \$200,000:

- Guam Community College (Mangilao, Guam)

And congratulations to the following three runners-up, who will each receive \$100,000:

- Florence County Adult Education (Florence, South Carolina)
- Mt. Hood Community College (Portland, Oregon)
- Mt. San Antonio College (Walnut, California)

[Learn about the winning program designs](#)

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### Register for the September 23 workshop

High-quality pre-apprenticeship programs align to industry demand, set clear pathways into apprenticeships and other industry roles, and provide support services for their participants. To help more adult education providers develop and deliver pre-apprenticeship programs, the Department will host a virtual workshop on September 23. The workshop will share learnings from the challenge and preview the Department's new Creating Adult Pre-Apprenticeships course — accessible to providers across the United States.

The course is designed to help adult education providers develop new programs, as well as support providers who are refining existing pre-apprenticeships or implementing similar integrated education and training programs. It will include examples and resources that are relevant to a range of adult education providers and a variety of industries.

[Register for the virtual workshop](#)



**Learn more about the  
U.S. Department of Education's  
new online learning course:  
Creating Adult Pre-Apprenticeships**

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