



## HF 4415 (Wolgamott)/SF 4096 (Rarick) creates one-time scholarships to invest in and recruit Minnesota’s future allied health professionals.

- The bill establishes a one-time program for students newly enrolled in an accredited allied health technician program in Minnesota starting with the 2023-2024 academic school year.
- Each scholarship will total \$5,000 with the goal to award 1,000 scholarships to individuals pursuing a career as a medical laboratory professional, respiratory therapist, radiology technician, or surgical technician.
- The proposed scholarship program is modeled after the successful “1,000 Certified Nursing Assistant” program currently underway at the Office of Higher Education.

### Crisis levels: 1 in 5 total job vacancies in Minnesota are currently in health care.

The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) estimates that there are currently 40,000 total health care job vacancies in the state, including **6,000 vacancies in allied health occupations.**

### Allied health vacancies are projected to dramatically increase.

Among all allied health job vacancies, there are currently 1,400 open positions for medical laboratory professionals, respiratory therapists, radiology technicians, and surgical technicians. This number will only continue to grow, with an additional 10,000 vacancies for these professionals projected between now and 2030.

### Call to action: support scholarships for the future of allied health in Minnesota.

The current health care workforce shortage crisis requires unique and multi-faceted solutions, including significant investments in higher education. HF 4415 is an important step in addressing the crisis by offering scholarships to recruit a new generation of allied health technicians.

