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Navigating the Maze: Challenges in Healthcare Career Advancement

What do Career Pathways look like once you finish your training/degree and enter the workforce? We asked women healthcare workers who started their careers in entry-level clinical positions. [Here's what they had to say](#) along with recommendations for healthcare employers, education and training providers, and other stakeholders to address the barriers that thwart workers' goals for long-term economic mobility.



If you'd like the verbal overview of the report, [join our webinar](#) on Thursday, October 2 at 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. For more information, contact WE Senior Research Analyst Corinne Kodama at ckodama@womenemployed.org.

An Inside Look at IL Dev Ed Reform Act Implementation

Join Women Employed and Almy Education for this inside look at how Illinois colleges are transforming developmental education to better serve students. We'll share lessons learned from the first phase of DERA implementation, highlight what's working as well as what still needs attention, and engage in conversation about what campuses can do to continue advancing equity and student success.

This is the first of a 3-part series on reimagining developmental education. Register to join us for Advancing Equity in Developmental Education: Illinois' Next Phase of DERA Support, Friday, September 12 at 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. at: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84451234567>. Then, hold October 24 and November 14 at 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. to hear from faculty and administrators at Waubesa College and Illinois Central College.

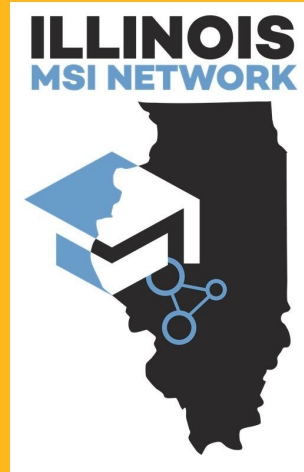
For more information, contact Christina Green, ASPIRE Senior Program Manager at cgreen@womenemployed.org.

One Click College Admit

In case you missed it, the **IBHE**, **ISAC**, and **Common App** are inviting college access professionals to learn about the new Illinois Direct Admissions Program: **One Click College Admit**, for all Illinois high school students! You can register for a webinar to learn more here: **[Friday, September 12, 9-10 a.m.](#)**

MSI Corner

What are you doing to celebrate **H.S.I. Week** September 8-15? We're working with partners from University of Illinois Chicago, Chicago State University, and Changing Perspectives, and welcoming others to join us to build an Illinois MSI Network. During College Changes Everything 2025, we facilitated discussion and welcomed input from colleges and universities. You can access our slides on the College Changes Everything 2025 website, watch for a new IL MSI Network website in October, and contact Chris Warden (cwarden@womenemployed.org) for more information.



We're also using our socials to do a loud shout out to **HACU** for filing to intervene in a Tennessee lawsuit to defend Hispanic Serving Institutions.

What's Happening With Student Loans?

The student loan landscape is changing rapidly, so it is important that borrowers stay on top of their loans and keep detailed records of all transactions and communications. Significant changes to repayment plans have been announced but do not all take effect immediately. Women Employed regularly updates our Student Debt Resources as changes occur:

<https://womenemployed.org/resources/student-debt-resource-page/>.

Let Your Voice Be Heard on Affordability



Our friends at Economic Security Illinois have launched an affordability tour to give Illinoisans a voice on the most important issues in their and their families' lives around affordability, supplementing in-person meetings in southern and central Illinois with a survey. This survey is not specific to higher education, so you may share affordability concerns in any area of life. You can access the survey [at this link](#) through Oct 17 or via the QR code here.

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