

# Training & Education Fund News

SEIU HEALTHCARE 1199NW MULTI-EMPLOYER TRAINING AND EDUCATION FUND

SPRING QUARTER, 2018

## Member Spotlight

MEET BAKARY JAMMEH, RN, UW VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER



**B**akary Jammeh came to Seattle 12 years ago from Gambia. He began working for a Training Fund employer as a CNA, and during that time, utilized the Tuition Assistance benefit to complete his prerequisite classes and, later, his RN. Now at Valley Medical Center, Bakary is beginning another educational endeavor to further his career with support of the Training Fund.

Last fall, Bakary began a RN to BSN program at Bellevue College. He is excited that the program is flexible and how willing his management has been to work with his class schedule. Bakary looks forward to earning his Bachelor's of Science in Nursing and, eventually, working as a Nurse Practitioner. Congratulations, Bakary!

*"My Union and Training Fund have been a great part of my life. Without the financial support to help pay for tuition, and the continued encouragement from Training Fund staff, I wouldn't have accomplished all that I have. I hope others take advantage of this resource and know that there is an incredible amount of assistance to help you achieve your goals, whatever they might be."*

## Spring Quarter Success Tips



**SPRING IS REGISTRATION SEASON!  
HERE ARE SOME TIPS TO HELP YOU SUCCEED.**

**Spring time is extra busy because summer and fall registration happen at once.**

*Identify which classes you will need to take this summer, AND fall, **so you can make sure to register for both terms.** Once you are signed up for both quarters' classes, send your Career and Education Navigators the tuition vouchers, requests, or documents together!*

**If you plan to take classes this summer, remember, it's a shorter quarter.**

*Summertime can fly by, especially if you're in school. When considering which course(s) to take, try to avoid too many high-level ones. **The summer quarter is shorter than the others, and so instructors have to cover more coursework, and assign more, in less time.** Taking on too much can be challenging. So, save those high-level classes for the fall (unless, of course, you need them to move on in a course sequence).*

**Spring quarter is typically when students finish their prerequisites and start applying to their degree programs.**

*Remember that **your navigator can help you plan out your timeline and inform you of your benefits** such as reimbursements for application fees, exam prep, testing fees, etc. **Keep in touch with your navigator** and let them know if you have questions along the way!*

## Eligible members: fulfill your CE requirements for free!

We know you need to keep current with the latest trends in the ever-changing healthcare industry. With just a few clicks, all members can complete job-related CEUs (continuing education credits) through CE Direct.

CE Direct is a fully on-line and accredited Continuing Education resource, accessible from any phone, tablet, or computer device!

**CEdirect**

**Do you have CEUs you'd like to complete?**

Contact Casey Ruiz at **(206) 321-1364** or email **cruiz@healthcareerfund.org** to set up an account today!



# Employee Spotlight

**DID YOU KNOW, THE TRAINING FUND ALSO OFFERS EMPLOYMENT SERVICES TO MEMBERS?  
MEET CHRISTY HAMMICH, PROGRAMS AND EMPLOYMENT SPECIALIST**



**CHRISTY HAMMICH,**  
*Programs and Employment Specialist/HEET Coordinator*

Christy has been an integral part of the Training Fund team for almost five years. During that time, Christy has served in a number of roles and capacities, all of which have focused on helping our members reach their greatest potential, both academically and professionally. In her current role as the Training Fund's Employment Specialist, Christy enjoys being able to support members find new and rewarding positions as they graduate from their degree programs.

In describing the scope and value of her work at the Training Fund, Christy believes, "some of the most important part of my work is helping people change their lives through education and, ultimately, new jobs!"

When Christy isn't giving her all to help benefit our members' careers, she enjoys baking (much to the appreciation of her co-workers), snow-shoeing, spending time with her adult children, and traveling--particularly to lighthouses, which she has visited all over the world. You can contact Christy at: [chammich@healthcareerfund.org](mailto:chammich@healthcareerfund.org) or **(425) 205.7573**.

## EMPLOYMENT SERVICES OFFERED

One-on-one career coaching

Interview preparation

Resume review

Cover letter advice

## Upcoming TEAS Workshops: April 21/22!

**MEMBERS WITH A PROGRAM APPLICATION DEADLINE IN DECEMBER 2018 OR EARLIER SHOULD SIGN UP!**

The Training Fund is excited to announce two TEAS workshops this spring! The TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills) is used as part of the admission process for many Nursing and Allied Health programs in our area. As of last year, an updated version of the TEAS test is being used.

The Training Fund's TEAS workshop is free, and will cover the updated TEAS and provide strategies to help you succeed on the test. If you are considering applying to a program this year, please sign up at: [www.healthcareerfund.org](http://www.healthcareerfund.org). If you have questions, contact Destiny Williams at: **(206) 321-1874** or [dwilliams@healthcareerfund.org](mailto:dwilliams@healthcareerfund.org).

### SEIU Healthcare 1199NW Multi-Employer Training and Education Fund

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