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Proposed budget includes a $200 million to find workers for beleaguered Wisconsin healthcare industry.

MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers today highlighted initiatives in his 2023-25 biennial budget targeted at bolstering the healthcare workforce and addressing shortages of nurses, certified nursing assistants (CNA), and other healthcare professionals that are impacting Wisconsinites' access to healthcare. The governor highlighted these initiatives during his visit to the University of Wisconsin (UW)-Eau Claire campus to host a roundtable discussion with nursing students about the workforce challenges facing the industry and the healthcare system as a whole.

As announced in December 2021, Gov. Evers provided UW-Eau Claire with up to $9.4 million through the Workforce Innovation Grant Program , which the governor is proposing to continue in his 2023-25 biennial budget, to support their efforts to alleviate workforce shortages in key fields like healthcare. In partnership with Mayo Clinic Health System in Northwest Wisconsin, this funding will help the university create innovative curriculum and clinical experiences to graduate more nurses, including adding six new degree programs in growing healthcare fields. Funding is also being used to pursue a new innovative care-coach model and rural healthcare hubs to bring better care and upskilled career possibilities to rural communities.

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