

ADDENDUM REQUEST TO TRIUMPH GULF COAST, INC. GRANT

In May 2022, Northwest Florida State College (“NWFSC”) submitted to Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. (“Triumph Gulf Coast”) a proposal called NWFSC Nursing Program Expansion Grant (#270). On September 22, 2022, the Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., Board advanced Northwest Florida State College’s proposal to term sheet negotiations. The College provides this addendum to address the virtual/augmented reality training provider and request a budget line-item modification.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name of Individual/Entity/Organization: Northwest Florida State College

Proposal Title: Nursing Program Expansion

Amount of Triumph Funds Requested: \$21,787,560 (no change from original application)

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$43,642,820 (no change from original application)

Updated Total Certification Completer Count: 4,000 (no change)

Virtual & Augmented Reality Provider

Northwest Florida State College’s emphasis on innovative, simulation-based teaching strategies is an important component of its Triumph Gulf Coast Nursing Program Expansion Grant. This element of the grant seeks to advance nursing instruction through virtual and augmented reality tools which support immersive, simulation-based teaching strategies. These approaches help to ensure nursing program enrollment growth without overwhelming local healthcare facilities with clinical requirements. Research supports the use of simulation technology to further curriculum innovations, deepen student learning, and better prepare graduates for professional nursing occupations.

The College’s Nursing Expansion Grant application requested \$2.29 million to provide customized virtual/augmented reality nursing simulations to supplement required clinical experiences. The College continues to research available partners and vendors, and our research leads us to request an extended due diligence period to identify the vendor that offers the most authentic fit for nursing education while maximizing Triumph’s investment in cutting-edge technology. Specifically, the College requests 1) a six-month period at the start of the grant to identify and select the best vendor at the lowest cost to meet the grant’s needs and 2) a budget reallocation of the \$2.29 million in personnel expenses for virtual/augmented reality to equipment/supplies for a third-party vendor to build, design, and implement simulated technology.

The College’s original application stated the project’s virtual reality software would be made available to other educational institutions throughout the Triumph region. To address this expectation, the College will ask prospective vendors to provide information about discounts, like terms, and/or cooperative agreements (piggybacking contracts) for Triumph region education partners, which the College will consider when selecting a vendor. Any cost savings achieved from the selection of a virtual/augmented reality vendor will be realized solely by Triumph Gulf Coast, not the College, ensuring Triumph Gulf Coast remains the junior partner on the grant agreement.

