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Who will benefit from the AREA program?

The funding for this grant will substantially benefit rural populations. The AREA program will increase the workforce of skilled healthcare providers in rural communities which will not only increase access to care but also improve the quality of care and impact patient outcomes in rural, medically underserved areas of Nebraska.

What are the courses of study and who is this program for?

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