

Building Pathways to Health Careers

June 2009



Up Coming:

- **Next Advisory Committee Meeting:**
October 15th 10 am
Location TBA
- **Next Grant Steering Committee Meeting:**
July 28, 2009
- **Next quarterly report due to the Department of Labor:**
August 14, 2009

PN Evening Weekend Program Update:

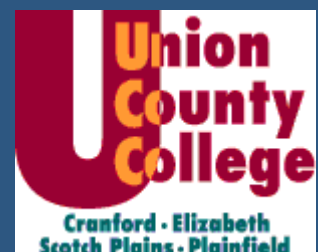
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We completed our first year of the Evening/Weekend Practical Nurse Program at Union County College. Over the course of this past academic year students were supported with several tools for success. Online tutoring and on-site tutoring was offered throughout the Fall and Spring semesters. Students were able to schedule additional lab practice time whenever they felt the need for additional skill reinforcement. A series of summer review/tutoring sessions are being offered throughout June/July for any students wishing to keep up their skills or enhance their theoretical learning during the summer months.

The Evening/weekend program has steadily progressed from one initial course being offered in September 2008 to an anticipated offering of all of the PN courses in Spring 2009. The students are enthusiastic and their success is the success of the program and intent of the grant. We look forward to the new academic year with additional programmatic enhancements to support the working student with an alternate schedule.

"Man's mind stretched to a new idea never goes back to its original dimensions."

Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr.



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Featured Article:

We are interested in featuring a short article or description of a selected Advisory Committee participant every month in this section. Please get involved and submit your paragraphs by July 15, 2009 for the July 2009 newsletter.

Please submit all information and questions/comments to Kathleen Michell at michell@ucc.edu.



EMT Updates:

Overview

The three EMT Basic programs offered during the Spring of 2009 have concluded. The program offered in the evening had 38 students registered, the Saturday program had 22 students registered, and the program offered through the Academy of Allied Health and Sciences high school had 22 students registered. A summer class is currently being offered and is filled to capacity!

Growth of Program

A hybrid EMT program (students take traditional lecture materials online and skills in person) has been developed and program material received. In addition, the Director of EMT Programs has been scheduled to attend the "Angel" computer training for the college in June of 2009. This will allow the EMT department to present the program to the college wide curriculum committee for acceptance. Once approved, the request to hold a hybrid program will be made to the NJ Department of Health and Human Services OEMS. In addition, a "Certificate of Achievement" program is being developed for student participation in January of 2011.

