

Building Pathways to Health Careers



November 2008

Up Coming:

- **Next Advisory Committee Meeting:**
Late January 2009 TBA
- **Next Grant Steering Committee Meeting:**
December 4, 2008 9:30am
Plainfield Faculty Lounge
- **Next quarterly report due to the Department of Labor:**
November 12, 2008

Introduction to Grant:

Union County College's *Building a Pathway for Healthcare Careers* responds to the growing workforce needs of the expanding healthcare industry in Union County, New Jersey. According to the NJ Department of Labor, healthcare is currently the County's second leading private sector industry. By 2014, jobs in the healthcare industry are expected to increase by 25%, adding 5,700 jobs locally (N.J. Department of Labor and Workforce Development, 2007).

Throughout all of New Jersey, the healthcare industry is projected to increase to 575,000 jobs by 2014. Healthcare occupations dominate New Jersey's *25 Occupations with Greatest Employment Growth*. As one of the President's high growth/high demand industries, there is a critical need to expand the healthcare workforce. By 2014 the need for home health aides is projected to increase by 50% and the need for nurses to increase by 25%.

"We cannot hold a torch to light another's path without brightening our own"

Ben Sweetland

LPN Student Updates:

- In-person and online tutoring at the Academic Learning Center is being tracked and analyzed. We hope to show that these new programs initiated by Grant funding will prove to be beneficial and boost student course success.
- All new student inquiries are also being tracked. We will include this data to the Government in our quarterly report due in November.
- All LPN Students for Fall 2008 are scheduled to meet with Maureen Bekheet, the counselor funded by the Grant. All student meetings are being tracked and reported.
- October was Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Marianne Schubert, Skill Lab Coordinator, hosted an all day event Wednesday October 22, 2008 in the Nursing Skills Lab.



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EMT Introduction:

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) consists of a team of medical professionals who provide emergency pre-hospital care and transportation of sick or injured individuals. In New Jersey, there are two levels of training for EMS personnel. The first Level is the Emergency Medical Technician-Basic (EMT-B). The EMT-B receives training in basic emergency care including: patient assessment, airway management, bandaging and splinting of injuries, management of medical emergencies, and emergency childbirth.

EMT training is a minimum of 110 hours in duration, and combines classroom lectures with small-group skill stations to reinforce the program's content. There is also an additional 10-hour clinical rotation that is scheduled at one of the local hospital Emergency Departments. This provides the EMT student with the ability to practice some of the skills learned during their EMT class. New Jersey's EMT training program is based upon a national model titled the National Standard Curriculum. Professional level CPR is a prerequisite in order to take an EMT program. CPR training can be taken through any local hospital, or Red Cross Chapter, or through the college.

Upon successful completion of the EMT-B training program, the candidate must successfully complete a written certification exam offered through the NJ Office of EMS, in order to obtain EMT certification. The EMT certification is renewed every three years by completing a minimum of 48 hours of approved continuing education.

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 November 17, 2008 for the December 2008 newsletter.

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

