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NEW HPOG SITE COORDINATOR BEGINS DUTIES



Janet Albrecht receives a Certificate of Appreciation from Dr. Steven Rose at a recent Grant Project Director Appreciation Reception in the Paterson Room.

Janet Albrecht has begun her duties as the new site coordinator for the PCCC Health Professions Opportunity Grant (HPOG). Previously she was the Basic Skills Education Specialist for the PCCC Multi-Skilled Health Care Worker Training Initiative.

Currently CE is offering classes for Emergency Medical Technicians as part of the grant. Additional programs leading to careers in the healthcare field are being developed.

“Under this grant, PCCC plans to expand its current healthcare opportunities to include programs such as ESL for Healthcare, Administrative Medical Assistant, and EKG/Telemetry Technician,” said the new site coordinator, who has a bachelor’s degree in education from William Paterson University and a master’s degree in health care from Columbia University.

CE & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT STATISTICS

Do you know that Continuing Education and Workforce Development enrolled 2,334 students last year who took 3,660 classes? These students received a total of 245,742 hours of non-credit instruction. Some of our instruction is delivered by adjunct and credit faculty. These students took classes at all four of our campuses as well as at company sites.

PERSISTENCE REWARDS EHR STUDENT ON HIS WAY TO A NEW CAREER

Kenneth Sarvis, a recent graduate of the Electronic Health Records (EHR) Program, knows a thing or two about persistence. The former Environmental Services employee at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in Paterson overcame several challenges on his way to becoming an Emergency Room Equipment Technician.

A year ago Kenneth decided to go back to school on a part-time basis to further his education and career goals. He had been working the overnight shift at the hospital for three-and-a-half years and wanted a change. He learned of the EHR program at PCCC, which is directed by Lisa Deliberto and funded by the Healthcare Training Initiative (HCTI) grant. He was eligible for the program because St. Joseph's is a grant partner agency.

Kenneth, who is also a minister at the Greater Faith Church of the Abundance in Paterson, expected to be enrolled with no problems. However, he did not pass the writing section of the College Placement Exam and was not admitted as planned. Instead of giving up, he took a writing course through the college and then re-took the exam. Unfortunately, he didn't pass the second attempt. At this point many people would have walked away, but Kenneth took another path. He paid to take a refresher writing course through Continuing Education to improve his score and once again took the test. Happily, the third time was the charm.

With the entrance exam behind him, he enrolled in the course. Yet he faced another struggle. The course met from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., which meant he had to work from 11 p.m. to 7:30 a.m., grab a quick breakfast and come straight to class. Despite these hardships, he met the challenge head-on and passed the course with no problems. He also passed the grant's Customer Service course, also offered through Continuing Education.

Armed with his new skills, he interviewed for a position as an Emergency Room Equipment Technician at St. Joseph's and was hired. His "can do" attitude in reaching his goals means he's working at the hospital Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., a nice change from the overnight shift.

PARENT OF THE YEAR



Congratulations to Samika Jackson, a CE secretary at the Hamilton Club, who was recently named Parent of the Year at Paterson School Number 28. The award was bestowed by the Paterson Board of Education and the district's Marilyn J. Morheuser Parent Resource Center at a recent district breakfast where she received a plaque for her involvement at the school.

WELCOME BABY ADAM

CE Program Coordinator Deniese Hicks and her husband Richard welcomed their second child, Adam Dimetri Hicks, on October 12th. He came into the world at 1 a.m. and weighed 8 lbs., 7 oz. He joins big brother Nathan, who recently celebrated his second birthday. Best wishes to the entire family.



CE COURSES OF INTEREST

NON-CREDIT ONLINE COURSES & CAREER CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

Ed2go.com/cepccc

More than 300 online courses are available at Ed2go.com/cepccc, designed for learning new skills or improving old ones. Courses include health services, computer applications, test and certification preparation, accounting, grant writing and much more. Classes start each month and run for six weeks. For further information contact Sharon Ibrahim at 973-684-5728.

HEALTHCARE CAREERS OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, Dec. 3, 10 a.m. to Noon, Passaic

CE offers certificate programs in Electronic Health Records, Medical Coding, Pharmacy Technician, Phlebotomy Technician, and Trainer for Electronic Health Records, as well as workforce-ready programs for people seeking new employment opportunities. Associate degree options are also available through PCCC. For information on CE programs call 973-684-6153.

SMALL BUSINESS TAXES

Wednesday, Dec. 14th, 6 to 9 p.m., Wayne

This program is designed for small business owners or persons interested in starting a business. Participants learn the differences between local, state and federal taxes and gain a broad overview of small business tax responsibilities. The program acquaints business owners with such topics as the various tax forms and governmental reporting requirements, allowable expense deductions and depreciation, and annual payroll reporting. For information call 973-684-6153.

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