

# **DVR Meeting February 13, 2012 Health Careers Minutes**

Members Present: Susan Collins (Triton), Jen Miller (Proviso East), Dana Dismeier (Leyden), Valarie Berger (Leyden)

## **1. Health Careers Articulation/Dual Credit**

- a. Susan Collins outlined the courses that are currently available for dual credit. These currently include the following:
  - i. Introduction to Health Careers
  - ii. Essentials of Medical Terminology
  - iii. Ethics and Law for the Allied Health Major
  - iv. Basic Nurse Assistant
  - v. Hazardous Materials (Fire Science)
  - vi. Fire Protection (Fire Science)
  - vii. First Responder
  - viii. *Introduction to Eye Care (not currently offered)*
  - ix. *Ocular Disease* "
  - x. *Optical Principles* "
  - xi. *Ophthalmic Skills I* "
  - xii. *Ophthalmic Skills II* "
  - xiii. *Ophthalmic Office Procedures* "
  - xiv. *Care of Patients of Alzhiemers* "
  - xv. *Intro to Home Health Nursing Aide (not currently offered)*
- b. Susan also discussed the requirements to enter the CNA program. Those include the following: valid social security number, at least 16 years old, and a reading score of 4 or more on Triton's placement test. Students will require a criminal background check, fingerprinting, and provide proof of health insurance. Students may also obtain health insurance through student health.
- c. Other programs discussed were Surgical Tech which offers a certificate; all other programs offer an AAS degree including Diagnostic Sonography, Nuclear Medicine, Nursing, Radiologic Technology, and Ophthalmic Technician Program.
- d. Students may finish their bachelor's degree in nursing through Illinois Benedictine who holds their courses on the Triton campus.
- e. Susan shared the concept behind the Allied Health Programs of Study. (attached)

## **2. Technology**

- a. Triton uses Blackboard as a shell for all of their courses.
- b. Triton uses e-books when possible, and the nursing program uses some ebooks along with some hard copy textbooks.
- c. Students have the opportunity to check out laptops for various amounts of time.
- d. Triton is constantly evolving to become more green.

## **3. Success of dual credit students**

- a. Overall the students are thriving.
- b. Work ethics can present challenges for some dual credit students. Those include the following:
  - i. Tardies/absenteeism
  - ii. Failure to complete coursework in a timely fashion
  - iii. Texting and cell phone use during class
- c. Students must maintain an 80% average to stay in the Nurse Assistant program.
- d. Reading level seems to be a good indicator of potential success in health careers programs.

#### **4. Tour of Triton's Program**

- a. Susan Collins gave the members of tour of their facilities. The group was able to see their new Radiology lab and the Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Ophthalmic Tech, and Surgical Tech labs as well as the Health Resource Center, the primary lab for Nursing and Nurse Assistant.

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