

DVR Meeting April 16, 2014 Health Careers Minutes

Members Present: Dr. Hughes (Triton), Jen Miller (Proviso East), Dana Dismeier (Leyden), Pat Godziszewski (Leyden), Valarie Berger (Leyden)

1. Dual Credit Status

- a. Dr. Hughes shared that the CNA program is very challenging. The students must meet the state standards, pass the class with an 80%, and then pass the state exam.
- b. There are approximately 120 students enrolled in Triton's dual credit programs.
- c. A fire science course will soon be added to the list of dual credit courses.
- d. Triton is working on a certified eye care assistant, and this will also provide another dual credit option for students.

2. Upcoming CNA changes

- a. There is currently a pilot program in progress at the state level to permit CNA's to distribute meds.
- b. The CNA's would need an additional certificate to administer the meds.
- c. This change would only be permitted in extended care facilities.
- d. There are concerns among the medical industry with this change, as there are 200,000 deaths/year due to medication errors.
- e. This change would lower the number of LPN's needed, which lowers hospitals' labor costs.

3. College Project and Program of Study

- a. Pat Godziszewski shared her college research project in which she will incorporate the Programs of Study website.
- b. The research project requires students to compare Triton to their college of choice, and some of the comparison points include cost, certification, degrees, licensing, etc.
- c. The link for the Programs of Study website is <http://dvr-efe.info/>
- d. One suggestion for Programs of Study website was to add course descriptions to Triton's courses.

4. Degrees beyond Associates

- a. Students may complete their bachelors' degrees on Triton's campus through Governors' State.
- b. Triton will soon be offering bachelors' degrees through Elmhurst and Aurora as well.
- c. Degrees take approximately 12-15 months after earning associates' degree.
- d. The tuition rate is comparable to an Illinois state school.
- e. Students may also earn their bachelors' in fire science at Triton through SIU.