

DVR Meeting October 17, 2016 Health Careers Minutes

Members Present: Jennifer Maldonado (Leyden), Jessica Olson (Riverside Brookfield), Peter Jaswilko (Triton), Valarie Berger (Leyden)

Peter shared this [linked document](#) with everyone, and the minutes will reference the document throughout.

1. Health Careers Contact List

- a. Peter shared a contact list for all the Health Careers programs as well as their accreditation.
- b. Page 2 of document
- c. Eye Care Assistant and Nurse Assistant Certificate are dual credit programs
 - i. Eye Care Assistant can be completed while in high school.
 - ii. This field is in high demand with 5 jobs for every graduate.
 - iii. Triton has the only Ophthalmic technology program in Illinois.
- d. The accreditation for Medical Assistant is pending with Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education programs. (CAAHEP), because final accreditation is not awarded until 1st class through the program graduates from the program.
 - i. Very high demand for CMA's
 - ii. They are less expensive than RN's
 - iii. They are able to set up sterile field, injections, draw blood, assist with bedside procedures, vitals
- e. Accreditation requires the following:
 - i. Programs must meet all standards and guidelines for the Accreditation of Education Programs in Medical Assisting:
 1. Faculty and/or Instructional Staff
 2. Space and lab allocations
 3. Faculty minimum qualifications
 4. Site visit
 - ii. Reaches or exceeds minimum pass rate upon completion of the program

2. Selective Admission Health Programs

- a. Page 3 of the document lists the programs that have selective admission
- b. All Triton Colleges Health Career Programs are selective enrollment, meaning applicants must qualify for the program before acceptance is awarded. The programs award acceptance by a point system; the higher the points awarded, the stronger an applicant's chances are towards acceptance. Applicants should apply to their program of choice after the prerequisites are complete.
- c. All programs are highly competitive.
- d. Process:
 - i. Meet minimum requirements
 - ii. Applicant is rated based on performance in pre-requisites
 - iii. Top candidates are selected
 - iv. All coursework must be completed with a grade of "C" or better.

3. Dual Credit Classes

- a. Page 5 of the document lists the dual credit schedule for Spring 2017
- b. An application has been submitted to add EKG (AHL 108) and Venipuncture (AHL 107) to the dual credit list.

4. Eye Care Assistant

- a. The program requirements are on page 8 of the linked document.
- b. All classes for this certificate are dual credit classes.
- c. A high school student could easily earn this certificate prior to high school graduation.
- d. There are 5 jobs for every certified eye care assistant.

5. Changes in Qualification Requirements

- a. This information is on page 9 of linked document.
- b. Certificates (MRI and/or CT Certificate) will only be available to radiology technicians and/or nuclear medicine technologists.
- c. Those performing CT exams or MRI's will require an associates' degree in addition to CT/MRI certification.
- d. Those currently in the field will NOT be "grandfathered" in, and will need to obtain the CT/MRI certificate to continue in their field.

- e. Triton is currently in the process of developing the CT/MRI Certificate.

6. Pharmacy Technician Certificate

- a. This information is on page 13 of linked document.
- b. This program can be completed in 2 semesters.
- c. This is a high demand field.

7. Advisory Councils

- a. Triton will invite the high schools to send a representative to their program advisory committee meetings.
- b. Each health career program has a unique advisory committee.
- c. Peter will get information to Valarie Berger to send out to the feeder high schools.
- d. The meetings are in the evenings.
- e. Current Program Advisory Committee
 - i. Nuclear Medicine Technology
 - ii. Radiologic Technology
 - iii. Diagnostic Medical Sonography
 - iv. Ophthalmic Technician/Eye Care Assistant
 - v. Certified Medical Assistant
 - vi. Nursing/Nursing Assistant
 - vii. Surgical Technology
 - viii. Fire Science and Emergency Medical Technician
- f. [Program advisory committee guidelines](#)

8. Tours of Health Building

- a. Peter provided a tour of the facility for those in attendance.
- b. Peter is working with Paul Jensen on an organized event to bring in the current high school students to see and experience the health careers program.