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A Continuing Education Publication

Online Nursing Students Excel

York Technical College's online Nursing Assistant course is an excellent way to begin a career in the medical field. The course enables participants to complete the classroom portion of the course from home. Students, after participating in orientation, are able to choose to complete their lab times and clinical experience with a day class, evening class or a Saturday class. The course is also great because students can begin at any time.

The flexible schedule was what drew Sherry Knight and Diane Brady to the program.

Brady, currently working as a substitute teacher, was attracted to the ease of the course because it was a good way to see if she would enjoy nursing.

Knight has managed a grocery store for 23 years. She lost her youngest son in a car accident and her sister to cancer and knew she wanted to do something to help other people.

Her son inspired her to give medicine a try after she watched him become a doctor.

"I've always loved old people," she says in response to why working in hospice with the elderly and disabled is so appealing.



Photo by Michael McAllister

(l-r) Diane Brady, Sherry Knight, and Jodi Bartholomew demonstrate the correct way to change a patient's bedding. These students hope to work in hospice when they have finished with the online Nursing Assistant program.

Jodi Bartholomew, who assists students in labs, feels the course's convenience makes it especially appealing to single or stay-at-home mothers juggling responsibilities.

She says, "This course builds confidence in people because they are doing it on their own."

Students aren't entirely alone. Online instructors are available to assist with questions or problems with immediate feedback.

Online students are as equally prepared as traditional students to complete the lab and clinical experiences and, to date, all online students taking the South Carolina Nurse Aide Certification Exam have passed the written and skill tests.

Individuals interested in more information about this program should contact Sally Lyle or Linda Bolick at 803-981-7348 or 803-981-7194.

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Spotlight on Our Faculty Members

Katie Dykhuis recently joined the College as the program manager for Business and Computer Technology. She has a B.S. in Business Administration and an MBA from Winthrop University. Katie looks forward to serving individuals and businesses with a wide variety of online and traditional classes. Popular topics include basic computer skills, Microsoft Office applications, and programming.



Michael Pinson, program manager for Licensing and Certification, has recently announced a partnership with Fortune Academy, which will expand course offerings and training in real estate. Post Licensing, Continuing Education, and Broker courses are now available. Other partnerships have brought course offerings in certified financial planning and environmental offerings.

Rocio Nicolau, foreign language coordinator for the Institute for Workforce Development, has been with the College since 2003. One of her favorite programs is the after-school program in Lancaster where she teaches kindergarten through third graders. Rocio works in the evenings to teach adults Spanish. She is looking forward to a new class she will teach this fall for challenged adults.



Katie Clamp manages Community Interest and the Enterprise Zone programs. Katie has added a variety of new classes to Community Interest, such as handgun safety, organization, and scuba diving. These are in addition to popular programs already in place, such as defensive driving, boater and hunter safety. She has been with the College for 13 years and is a Winthrop graduate.

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Project Management Training for Any Business

York Technical College with their partner, Cheetah Learning, a leader in accelerated learning and Project Management, is now offering a unique online Master's Certificate in Project Management.

The training partnership brings one of the fastest growing areas of management certification in the country to businesses, government agencies, and non-profits in the tri-county area.

The PM Master's Certificate Program is designed for managers in all fields and professions including IT, Marketing, Operations, Sales and Engineering. This hands-on program emphasizes learning new concepts through application. Participants will interact with an instructor and other students online, and do course activities in their day-to-day professional lives.

In recent years, there's been explosive growth in the project management field and the Project

Management Certification equips the teams of leading companies with the ability to lead projects and measure results. In the United States there are six to eight million project managers and approximately 16 million worldwide. Twenty-five percent of those managers turned to Cheetah for their training.

"Given the demand and success of the Cheetah Learning System, the College is confident that our third party provider will deliver quality, professional services to increase one's value in the global job market," said Mary Rapp, program manager for the Center for Management and Leadership.

The College is now accepting registrations into this flexible and convenient study program that can be started any time with the College's open enrollment. For more information, contact Mary Rapp at (803) 981-7326 or online at www.yorktech.com/leadership.



The new Project Management Program gives all types of managers a guaranteed and proven system to develop the skills, hands-on experience, and knowledge to lead projects and excel in project management. The partnership between the College and Cheetah Learning should prove to be invaluable to the region.



Line Worker Training Off and Running

Students explore rewarding new career opportunity

York Technical College's new Line Worker Training Program, which launched in September, has drawn attention from across the country. York Technical College partnered with contractors and utility companies in the Carolinas to offer a comprehensive training program that prepares candidates for entry-level line work positions.

"This first training session has gotten off to a great start thanks to the partnership we have formed with companies such as Comporium, Pike Electric, Duke Power, York Electric Co-Op, along with vendors such as American Safety, Kline Tools and Al Tec," said Dr. Ed Duffy, vice president of development at the College.

The Training

The nine-week Entry Level Line Worker Certificate program has classroom and field instruction in overhead and underground line installation. Students will be assessed throughout the training in their safety compliance, hands-on skill performances, and a variety of topics, such as pole-top rescue, CDL Learner's Permit, and CPR/First Aid.

Graduates will be prepared for entry-level employment and will be provided assistance with resume preparation and interviewing skills.

Admission Requirements

Individuals must meet the following requirements to be eligible for admission to the program: must be 18-years-old;



Photos by M. McAllister

(above) Students get tools out of a truck.
(right) A student climbs a pole at the College's new training facility located on York Technical College's Rock Hill campus.

a high school graduate or completed the GED, pass a DOT exam with drug screen, possess a valid driver's license, and be covered by a major medical health insurance company.

Prospective students meeting the required criteria should contact Mary Sanderson, program manager, in the Continuing Education division for information about registering.

The Program's Future

Mary Sanderson says the next classes are set to begin in January. "The next nine-week program will begin in January 2006 and we are considering the addition of an evening/Saturday schedule," she said. "We feel like this program is going to really take off based on the interest being shown both locally and nationally."



Glenn McFadden, Comporium's executive vice president of operations said they are pleased about the program because of the shortage of well-trained technicians.

If you are interested in more information on the program or how to enroll, contact Mary Sanderson at (803) 981-7020 or visit us online at www.yorktech.com/industrial/lineworker.asp.

Registering for Continuing Education Classes

In Person in C-101 in the Continuing Education Division **Mail** course information and payment to 452 South Anderson Road, Rock Hill, SC 29730

Phone to (803) 325-2888

Fax (803) 981-7327

Online at www.yorktech.com/coursesearch



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Baxter Hood Center Gets a Facelift

The Baxter M. Hood Center is renovating approximately 30,000 square feet of space, including 8 meeting rooms, rest rooms, offices, and the lobby.

Chris Cassady, general manager of the Center said, "These exciting renovations will continue to make the Baxter M. Hood Center the premier meeting and conference facility in the Carolinas."

The renovations include new carpet, porcelain tile, ceiling tiles, wall coverings, and furniture. Two rooms are receiving key technology upgrades, including plasma screens, and a new LCD projector and screen in the Barnes Theater.

The Center is a full-service, state-of-the-art meeting and conference

facility located on the College's campus. The facility has 16 meeting rooms that can accommodate groups as small as 10 or as large as 1,000 for a lecture. The Hood Center hosts corporate training, meetings, conferences, and social events such as proms, banquets, and beautiful wedding receptions.

For more information on how your group, business, or family can rent the facility, contact Chris Cassady at (803) 325-2890.



Photo by Chris Cassady

The Baxter Hood Center can lend any event an air of elegance. The Hoechst-Celanese Room, seen above, is dressed up for a reception. The Center has a track record of excellence with over 1,400 events hosted last year and an attendance record of over 89,000 people.