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Demand for Medical Assistants is Terrific



IF YOU'RE NOT ENROLLED IN THE MEDICAL ASSISTING (MA) program at Mercy College, you may not be aware of the tremendous growth potential across the United States in the field. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, the demand for Medical Assistants will jump by 52% by 2014, with an estimated 202,000 openings across the country.

With the Mercy College Medical Assisting Program you not only obtain tremendous hands-on experience as a medical assistant but an education in Limited Radiography, which prepares you to perform diagnostic images of the chest and extremities so often performed in medical clinics.

To learn more about the MA program, contact Janet Roberts Andersen at 643-6705 or jandersen@mercydesmoines.org.

Think You Might Know Someone

Interested in MA – Earn Cash

If you think you might know someone who would be interested in attending the Medical Assisting Program or any of our other academic programs, you could earn a referral payment.

All current students are eligible to earn \$25 when they refer a student who completes one of the College's short-term Certificate Programs or \$50 when they refer a student who completes one semester as a liberal arts or professional program student. The payment will be made in the form of a Mercy Medical Center gift card, redeemable at any Mercy Gift Shop, including the shop located at Mercy Court.

Calling All Students: Looking for a Volunteer Opportunity?

"MERCY'S MISSION ON THE MOVE" IS WORKING WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY (HFH) to help a Mercy employee and her family put in the needed hours to complete their new HFH home. Mercy College's Service Committee has put together a "College team". The team will be doing inside work at a HFH home on Thursday, **January 18, 2007 from 8:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.** If you are interested in joining the College team or have questions about the event, please contact **Kara** at 643-6738 or kscholten@mercydesmoines.org. You are also welcome to stop by her office B1-109 to sign up. Please take this opportunity to give back to a member of our Mercy Family.

Have You Checked Your MCHS E-mail Lately?

ALL STUDENTS RECEIVE A MERCY COLLEGE EMAIL account during orientation. Instructors and staff expect students to check their email frequently.

If you need assistance or have technical difficulties checking your MCHS account please contact **Jason Morgan** at 643-6704 or jmorgan@mercydesmoines.org,

CALENDAR

MONDAY, JANUARY 15

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

No Classes

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2007

ATTENTION SPRING GRADUATES

Order Graduation Announcements

10-2 p.m. Sullivan Center Lobby

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

Last day to drop Spring Semester classes **with a refund**

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Community Service and Volunteer Fair

11 a.m. - 3 p.m. - Sullivan Center Lobby

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Last day to drop Spring semester classes **with a "W"**

THURSDAY, MARCH 1

MCHS Fall scholarship applications available at www.mchs.edu

FRIDAY, MARCH 2

**California Critical Thinking Skills Test
Career Fair**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

Student Appreciation Day

MONDAY, MARCH 19

SPRING BREAK

Thursday, March

THURSDAY, MARCH 29

Spring Open House - 4p.m. - 6p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

Spring Open House - 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 3

Graduate School Fair

CAREER resources

MERCY MEDICAL CENTER HAS OPENINGS throughout the year for the following positions:

- *Patient Care Technician (PCT/CNA)
 - *Flex Pool Patient Care Tech
 - *Certified Nurses Aide – Bishop Drumm
 - *Home Health Aide
 - *Home Care – Walden Point CNA
 - Perioperative Care Tech
 - Emergency Department Tech
 - Scope Tech
 - Patient Companion
 - Patient Transporter
 - Communication Secretary
 - Rehab Aide
 - Lab Support Tech
 - Medical Imaging Attendant
- Job descriptions for open positions are available online.

We encourage you to apply for online and take the first step to becoming an employee of Mercy Medical Center. Please complete an application for these and many other positions at: www.mercydesmoines.org.

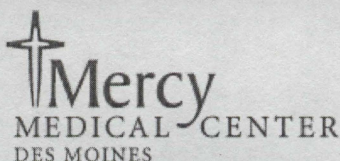
Once you have completed your online application, your information will be automatically entered into our database and we will review your qualifications within a few days. You will be contacted if you are selected for an interview.

*Completion of 75 or 120 hour Certified Nursing Assistant Program required. Must be on State CNA Registry at time of hire.

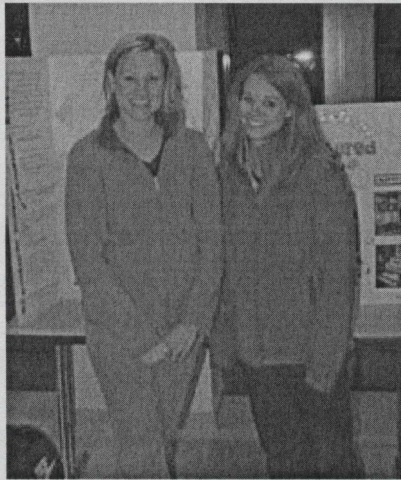
Mercy Medical Center--Des Moines Human Resources

1065 6th Avenue, Suite 105
Des Moines, IA 50314-2611
Phone: 515-247-3100

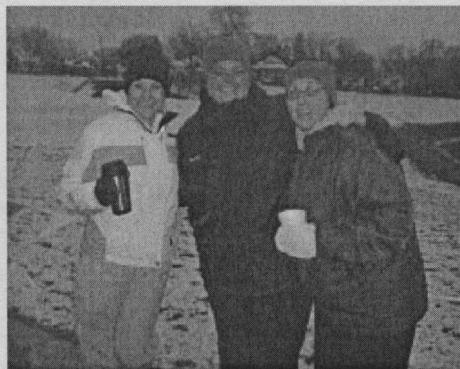
Office Hours
Mon-Fri 7:30am-4:30pm



A member of Mercy Health Network



Thursday, December 14th the NSG 413 and HCM 305 Leadership/Management students displayed their Clinical Leadership Project and Management Concept posters in the hallway outside the library.



For the NSG 402: Community Health nursing class students participated in Reggie's Sleepout. From left to right – Sarah Schooley, Rachel Reynolds and April Harlan.

Helpful Tax Information

THERE ARE A VARIETY OF MONEY-SAVING TAX BENEFITS available to taxpayers that may help reduce the overall cost of a college education. The IRS offers various tax savings (deductions or credits) to individuals and families paying higher education expenses. This information is intended for educational purposes and should not be considered as legal or tax advice. You should consult your professional tax advisor or attorney for more information about the higher education tax benefits and to determine your eligibility. You also may consult the IRS's Publication 970 on Tax Benefits for Education online at www.irs.gov. For information from Iowa College Student Aid Commission visit www.iowacollegeaid.gov.

Spring Semester Library & Lab Hours

Library Hours

Monday - Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Friday 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Sunday 5 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Computer Lab Hours

Brennan Hall, Room 128

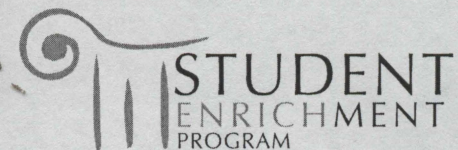
Monday - Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Friday 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Sunday 5 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Building One, Room 122

Monday - Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Friday 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday - Sunday CLOSED

Building 2, Room 154

Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Saturday - Sunday CLOSED



Marti Doyle,
Student Enrichment
Program Coordinator

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Email: mduoye@mercydesmoines.org

Office Hours

Building 1, Room 315

Monday 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday Noon - 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Thursday 11:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Friday Noon-3:00 p.m.

The Tutoring Schedule will be posted in the next Mercy Messenger.



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Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, January 15, 2007

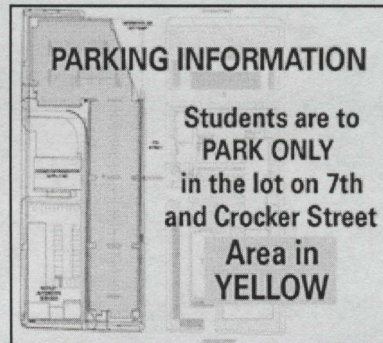
"That will be the day when all God's
children, black men and white men,
Jews and Gentiles, Catholics and
Protestants, will be able to join
hands and sing in the words of the
old Negro Spiritual, **Free at Last!**
**Free at last! Thank God almighty, we
are free at last!**"
-Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

January 15, 2007 marks the 21st anniversary of the Martin Luther King Jr. federal holiday. Across the country, people from all walks of life join together to honor King's legacy of tolerance, peace and equality.

A lifelong activist for civil rights and peace, Dr. King was a major force in the crusade for equal rights for people of all races, ethnicities, and backgrounds.

Mercy College of Health Sciences remembers the lessons Dr. King has taught us to live on.

Parking and Shuttle Information



STUDENTS ARE PROVIDED FREE ACCESS TO A SECURE PARKING LOT located at **701 Crocker Street** (the yellow area of the diagram below). The lot is accessible with your Mercy issued badge. Students parking anywhere but 701 Crocker Street will be subjected to a **parking fine of \$40.**

All vehicles must display the parking permit distributed at orientation or can be obtained free of charge from the Missy Chapman, the receptionist located in the Sullivan Center. Failure to display the parking sticker is subject to a parking fine of \$40.

Safety

In the event of an emergency, the 701 Parking lot is equipped with three Code Blue telephone stations that provide a telephone link to Mercy Public Safety staff. Exterior video cameras also monitor all lots.

Students may also call Security at **247-3111** to request an escort to their car.

Shuttle Service

Shuttle transportation between MCHS and Mercy Medical Center is provided. The pick-up and drop-off area is located in the 701 Crocker Street parking lot. The hours of operation are – **6:15 and 7:45 M-F and 3-4. Monday - Friday.** The shuttle is also available 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday - Friday upon request. Missy Chapman can request a shuttle for you. Remember to call ahead.

Severe Weather School Cancellation Plans

In the advent of winter storms canceling classes, students are reminded to listen to WHO-TV13 and/or WHO Radio 1040 AM to hear announcements about Mercy College.

WHO-TV13 also has a new **FREE** service to obtain this information. It's called the **New School Closing Alert E-mail.** Students and staff can receive an e-mail when class has been dismissed early or cancelled. Registration is quick, easy and available on the home page at <http://www.whotv.com>.

Again this year, if there is the possibility that classes will be canceled completely or delayed for a few hours to allow weather and/or road conditions to improve, you will hear about it on these stations or **via email** from the media if you sign up for it.

Decisions are communicated to these media outlets by 5:30 a.m. for morning cancellations. However, Mercy College does not control when the stations add the information to their lists. You can also check the Mercy College web site for information as well at www.mchs.edu.

Chapels on Tuesday: Begin Again on January 30th

ONCE AGAIN THIS SPRING, THE ENTIRE MERCY COLLEGE FAMILY has the opportunity and is invited to experience the inspiration and rich diversity of the major Christian worship traditions through Chapels on Tuesday. Presented in conjunction with Dr. Joe Moravec's Christian Theological Traditions class, these services provide occasion for guest Christian leaders and meet in Brennan Chapel every Tuesday at 1:00 pm for a worship service in accordance with their tradition. Representatives from Roman Catholic, Orthodox, Lutheran, Reformed, Anglican, Baptist, Mennonite and Pentecostal traditions will be featured. A complete schedule will be available in the next issue.

"Enlightening", "Very informative and uplifting", "Fun to learn what I never knew before about my own tradition", "It was a great and useful experience. I'm Catholic, but it reminded me of the religion I practice and why. I'm excited to learn and take part in some other religious experiences".

Some comments from those who have attended past chapels include:

Please plan to join us as we enjoy the diversity of Christian worship and faith.

@Student
Online Resource Center
<http://mercycollege.blackboard.com>
Username & Password: **mchs**

Keeping Up With the Graduation Requirements?

ARE YOU NEARING GRADUATION IN APRIL OR AUGUST 2007? Remember your communication competency and community service requirement must be completed in order to receive verification of your degree completion at time of graduation. So if you graduate in Spring or Summer 2007 **NOW** is the time to complete these requirements.

Graduation Requirements

Communication Competency

- 1) Public Speaking
- 2) Writing

Community Service Project

All instructions and materials to complete the requirements are within the Mercy College Student Course which can be accessed in two ways:

- 1) within your current Blackboard login
- 2) <http://mercycollege.blackboard.com>
 - a. Username: **mchs** / Password: **mchs**
 - b. Your personal Username and password

If you have problems locating this course please contact **Joah Hogan** at jhogan@mercydesmoines.org or **643-6714**.

Please submit rubric and papers/proof of public speaking to **Helena Hanson**. Her office is located on the second floor of **Building 1, Rm. 213**. She will be reviewing the Writing and Speech Competency Rubrics.

Mercy Reflections

Share your experiences with others.

EACH STUDENT COMPLETES a community service project before graduation and writes a *reflection* essay about his or her experience. In the Messenger and VitalSigns, the Alumni publication, we would like to publish *reflections* written by students.

We would like to share with the readers of the Messenger and VitalSigns a *personal reflection* from experiences of Mercy students, that have been encountered in the community service projects or through life experiences.

Please limit your submission to **100 words or less** describing your personal experience. Don't forget to include your full name, program, mailing address, daytime phone and e-mail address with your submission in the event we need clarification.

REFLECTION DEADLINE

Please submit your story on **Fridays throughout the semester**. We will collect all submissions.

Submit your story via e-mail (preferred) to: mmiller3@mercydesmoines.org

POSTAL MAIL OR FAX TO:

Mercy College of Health Sciences
Attn.: Melissa Miller/Reflection
928 6th Avenue
Des Moines, IA 50309-1239
FAX: 515-643-6698

ARE ALL SUBMISSIONS PUBLISHED?

Mercy Messenger and VitalSigns has limited space, therefore we will keep all submissions for future consideration as additional space permits. If your submission is chosen we will notify you of the date your reflection will be published.

Reminders for Spring 2007 Graduates

1. **Submit a Graduation Application** to the Registrar's Office
2. Contact the Registrar's Office to **get measured for your cap & gown**.
3. Chris Barr with CB Announcements will be on campus (Sullivan Center Lobby) **Thursday, January 18, 2007 from 10-2 p.m.** to take orders for graduation announcements.
4. **Complete your Communication Competency and Community Service Requirement** (check your student handbook or <http://mercycollege.blackboard.com> for details)

Mercy Court Gift Shop Hours Have Changed

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY
1 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Upcoming Community Service and Volunteer Fair

DO YOU NEED TO COMPLETE YOUR COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT? Are you looking for a great place to volunteer but don't know where to look? If you answered yes to either one of these questions, then head to Mercy College's annual Community Service and Volunteer Fair on **February 6, 2007 from 11-3 p.m.** in the Sullivan Center lobby. If you have questions or would like more information about the fair, please contact **Kara** at **643-6738** or kscholten@mercydesmoines.org. You are also welcome to stop by her office B1 109. Stay tuned for more information to be posted over the next month in the *Messenger* including the agencies attending the fair.