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FOR THE YOUTH: HIGHLIGHTS FROM PRE-COLLEGE PROGRAMS

Queensborough Community College and the Mineola School District in Nassau County have partnered to offer high school students a 30-credit certificate in New Media Technology. Mineola High School students will enroll in QCC classes that lead to obtaining of this college-level certificate. The Connect2College program is under the auspices of QCC’s division of Pre-College, Continuing Education & Workforce Development and is designed to allow high school students to earn dual credits while attending classes at their schools in career and technical education. Students who complete the certificate and plan to attend QCC after graduation can transfer directly into the Internet and Information Technology AAS degree program.

The New Media Technology certificate program introduces students to Internet-based technologies for the design, development, maintenance and support of such digital media as hyperlinked texts; static and moving imagery; audio and video; and the multiple interfaces of media. The program combines instruction in technology, art, writing, programming, database and e-commerce, artistic layout and design and animation.

This past year, 35 Mineola High School sophomores started their journey in the program. Students in their senior year will attend 2 classes on campus at QCC.

The Connect2College team: Jacqueline Montgomery (JMontgomery@qcc.cuny.edu), Director, Darlene (O’Rourke dorourke@qcc.cuny.edu), Coordinator, and Dorine Touwisma (DTouwisma@qcc.cuny.edu), Assistant, support the instructors and administrators at Mineola HS and provide the students with opportunities to visit our campus and participate in college level student activities. The Connect2College team are prepared to welcome a new cohort of students each fall and look forward to helping these students easily transition to QCC after graduation.

Connect2College connects you to Queensborough Community College!

Innovators’ Con at BTECH

On October 26th, BTECH students participated in Innovators’ Con event which celebrated the opening of three laboratories: the Fabrication Laboratory; the Science Technology Laboratory; and the Teacher Professional Development Lab. BTECH is an Early College Initiative (ECI) High School in Business Technology which Queensborough Community College developed in partnership with the Department of Education (DOE) and SAP, the multi-national software corporation. The Fabrication laboratory contains state-of-the-art equipment such as a 3D printer, which enables students to design and build objects; the Science Technology laboratory, which supports the development of new systems/software; and the Teacher Professional Development Lab, which serves as a professional development programs.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Personal Enrichment Programs

Start your spring celebration with one of several new adult enrichment programs. Want to become more tech oriented? Enroll in the New Media Technology course which will give you an introductory course in how to use the internet for music using your MAC computers. Topics covered include the basics of downloading, streaming, navigating, playlists, searching, and playing. If you are interested in exploring your travel horizons, join the interactive workshop TRA-VELS: Journey through the Lands. The five sessions cover several countries in Asia, North Africa and the Middle East, Europe, and Central and South America. You’ll be exposed to 29 different ethnic cultures, local cuisines, travel protocols and sites of interest. Our Art History Series is composed of two series, one focused on The Realist and Surrealist and the other on Gertrude Stein & Friends. Explore artists and their works, such as Edward Hopper and Rene Magritte and Gertrude Stein, Pablo Picasso and Henri Matisse. The History Series explores four topics: The Irish Rebellion – 1916-1922; Red October: The Russian Revolution; A History of New Thought: Positive Thinking in American History, and America as Superpower – In the 21st Century. Sign up for one or all four. If you are interested in finding your own roots, join the workshop on Genealogy: Finding Our Ancestors – Finding Ourselves in which you will begin to build your family tree and learn how to research to keep it growing and informing your family history. Leaning toward journalism as a hobby or possible future career? Enroll in the workshop NEWS: What is it – Why we need it – Are we getting it? You’ll be introduced to the basics of journalism, including news gathering, writing and production, and assigned to write and report stories from your own neighborhood.

Professional Development Programs

For those looking toward retirement or who support those moving toward retirement, enroll in the Protect Your Assets 2017 course offered by Ann Margaret Carrozza, JD, Trust and Elder Law Specialist. CPA’s will be eligible for 1 CEU credit. This single 2-hour session will review current estate tax laws and a discussion of strategies to transfer assets to the next generation while maintaining control. And for the professional tax practitioners seeking enrolled agent status, join the ENROLLED AGENT: Preparation for the Enrolled Agent Exam Course – Part 2: Business and Partnership. (Part 1: Individual Taxation was offered in the Fall semester and Part 3: Ethics & IRS will be offered in the Summer session.) This course covers topics on corporations, partnerships, estates, trusts, exempt organizations and retirement plans as well as basis, depreciation, and dissolutions.
How was your experience in the program?

My experience in the program was exciting and challenging at the same time. Hemodialysis was new to me. Starting the class was eye opening as I learned classroom work and gained clinical experience through the internship program. The course was very detailed, and we learned about the history of dialysis, kidney functions, dialysis machines, water treatments, health insurance, infection control, the scope of practice as a technician as well as how to operate the dialysis machines properly. We had three instructors who were nurses and chief technicians with vast knowledge and experience in the field of dialysis, and we used additional study materials and textbooks for better understanding. They were patient and helped me understand every topic with weekly practice tests to monitor the progress in understanding the topics.

Tell us about your experience with the Job Search process?

While in the program, I worked with the Career Counselor to upgrade my resume and self-marketing materials. The career counselor met with me numerous times for in-depth conversations regarding my past experience and future goals. I then worked with the Job Developer to identify internship opportunities. I obtained an internship position at a dialysis unit in Queens to complete 250 hours of hands-on experience. I was exposed to the real world of dialysis, came in contact with dialysis patients and worked with the technicians and nurses on the floor. Under the supervision of the nurse, I had an opportunity of practicing a dialysis treatment for a patient for the first time. I have since completed the 250 hours of clinical experience and have passed the COMENT exam to become a Certified Hemodialysis Technician. After I completed my hours, I was hired by the company where I did my internship training.

What is your current employment?

I work at Island Rehabilitative Services as a Dialysis Patient Care Technician. A typical day starts with checking which section I am assigned to work at and what patients are scheduled for each shift in that section. We have to make sure the machines are running properly, the area is clean, the supplies are set up and then call in my patients from the waiting room, greet and escort them to their chairs. I check their vital and make sure everything is good then start the treatment after the nurse verifies it is okay to initiate.

What is your plan for the future?

I plan to continue my education to become a Nurse in the future and this program is a huge stepping stone towards achieving that goal!

What advice can you give to students in this field?

My advice for students in this field is to be very determined and focused in learning as much as possible from teachers, co-workers and even the patients. Studying a lot helps you broaden your knowledge and pass the exam. Pay attention to details, be punctual, be a good team player and always be alert to the patients and the working environment. Practice proper hygiene and infection control techniques to protect both the patient and yourself. Have a passion for the job because there will be a lot of challenges to be faced, especially being new to the field.

Wake up every day with the mindset that you are making an impact in someone’s life and giving back to society in your own little way.

Omokafe started classes at QCC in Fall 2016 for Nursing!
My first job was a Home Health Aide where I took care of the sick and elderly in their homes. I enjoyed my job and became interested in the healthcare field. I enrolled in the Certified Medical Assistant program at Queensborough Community College and completed the program in 6 months. I also completed an externship at a medical office, but it was still challenging getting a job as most of the jobs required at least a year of experience. At first it was discouraging, but I didn’t give up. I decided to enroll for another program at the school for the Hemodialysis Certification Prep. I was hesitant at first due to the tuition cost, but I was eligible to apply for a scholarship called the Helena Rubinstein Foundation scholarship, which covered about 90% tuition for the sick and elderly in their homes. I enjoyed my job and became interested in the healthcare field. I enrolled in the Certified Medical Assistant program at Queensborough Community College and completed the program in 6 months. I also completed an externship at a medical office, but it was still challenging getting a job as most of the jobs required at least a year of experience. At first it was discouraging, but I didn’t give up. I decided to enroll for another program at the school for the Hemodialysis Certification Prep. I was hesitant at first due to the tuition cost, but I was eligible to apply for a scholarship called the Helena Rubinstein Foundation scholarship, which covered about 90% tuition for the sick and elderly in their homes. I enjoyed my job and became interested in the healthcare field. I enrolled in the Certified Medical Assistant program at Queensborough Community College and completed the program in 6 months. I also completed an externship at a medical office, but it was still challenging getting a job as most of the jobs required at least a year of experience. At first it was discouraging, but I didn’t give up. I decided to enroll for another program at the school for the Hemodialysis Certification Prep. I was hesitant at first due to the tuition cost, but I was eligible to apply for a scholarship called the Helena Rubinstein Foundation scholarship, which covered about 90% tuition for