

## **About Our Monthly Blasts:**

Instead of being bombarded with emails via TITANium, the Health Professions Advising office will soon be sending out monthly blasts (beginning April 26th) ONLY through Facebook and the Health Professions Advising Listserv. Those who have not registered for our Listserv will miss receiving valuable monthly advisement announcements. These blasts will contain information helpful to your desired future profession. To access these valuable resources, simply “Like” us on Facebook and/or register for the listserv. Our intention is to distribute announcements to subscribers using a centralized location.

## **Listserv:**

The Listserv allows anyone interested to receive periodical emails containing up-to-date news and announcements about special guests, opportunities related to your desired profession, important deadlines, scholarships and newsletters. If you would like to be added to our Listserv, please provide the Health Professions Advising office with the requested information by registering at < [http://www.fullerton.edu/health\\_professions/\\_miscsites/listserv.html](http://www.fullerton.edu/health_professions/_miscsites/listserv.html)<[http://www.fullerton.edu/health\\_professions/\\_miscsites/listserv.html](http://www.fullerton.edu/health_professions/_miscsites/listserv.html)> > .

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## **Get Certified: Complete a Certificate Program**

Consider completing a certification program and gaining a licensure during summer or winter break or even during a lighter semester. Receiving a licensure, in most cases, strengthens your professional school application.

Not only does obtaining a certificate in a health professions field strengthen you as an applicant, but it also allows you to gain paid clinical hands on experience while exploring your desired profession. This experience will help to provide you with a realistic view of the health professions field while being a part of the health professions workforce.

*Please note, the Health Professions Advising office does not endorse or support any of the programs listed below.*

## **EMT Programs**

What is an EMT?

“An Emergency Medical Technician provides basic life support (BLS) in a pre-

hospital setting to individuals during medical emergencies. Basic Life Support may include CPR, oxygen administration, bleeding control, foreign body airway obstruction removal, and spinal immobilization.”

“Paramedics are usually the first responders to crises. This field is great preparation for a career in medicine”

“A paramedic provides pre-hospital advanced medical and trauma care. A paramedic is charged with providing emergency on-scene treatment, crisis intervention, life-saving stabilization and transport of ill or injured patients to emergency medical and surgical treatment facilities.”

The information above was taken directly from the following websites:

[http://www.nyc.gov/html/fdny/html/community/emt\\_medical\\_faq.shtml](http://www.nyc.gov/html/fdny/html/community/emt_medical_faq.shtml)

<http://www.medicaljobs.org/articles/emt-can-do-more.php>

<http://www.nursingnet.org/what-does-an-emt-emergency-medical-technician-do/>

## **CNA Programs**

What is a CNA?

“CNAs help patients in and out of bed, often by lifting or carrying them, and assist them with walking as they travel to and from surgeries and treatments. In certain settings—for example, senior-care and other assisted-living facilities—certified nursing assistants are responsible for helping patients get daily exercise, as well as leading or participating in field trips or group activities. A large amount of a CNA’s work involves personal care duties such as bathing, dressing, and feeding patients, as well as brushing teeth and combing hair.”

“In almost all work environments, CNAs answer patients’ calls for help, take their vital signs, and monitor their behavior and physical condition for progress or deterioration. This level of hands-on interaction also means that CNAs do tasks that some might shy away from, including changing bed pans or soiled undergarments. All CNAs work under the supervision of an experienced nurse, and report any problems or worsening in a patient’s condition to the facility staff. Other job requirements may include stocking and keeping storerooms tidy, cleaning patient rooms, doing laundry, and assisting with minor medical procedures.”

The information above was taken directly from the following website:

<http://www.certifiednursingassistant.org/certified-nursing-assistant-job-description/><<http://www.certifiednursingassistant.org/certified-nursing-assistant-job-description/>>

- Los Angeles Harbor College

Website: <http://www.lahc.edu/classes/nursing/cna.html>  
Phone number: 310.233.4000  
Address: 1111 Figueroa Place, Wilmington, California 90744  
Length of Program: 7 weeks  
Cost: Approximately \$599

- West Los Angeles College

Website: <http://www.wlac.edu/alliedhealth/nursing/>  
Phone number: 310.287.4464  
Address: 9000 Overland Avenue - Culver City, CA 90230  
Length of Program: 9 weeks  
Cost: Approximately \$75

- Coast Health Career College

Website: <http://coasthealthcareercollege.com/>  
Phone number: 714.776.8405  
Address: 1741 W. Katella Avenue- Anaheim, CA 92804  
Length of Program: 7 weeks  
Cost: \$1800

## **LVN Programs**

What is a LVN?

LVNs perform both simple and complex medical procedures. LVNs monitor patients by checking their response to medications and measuring their vital signs, like heart rate, blood pressure and temperature. LVNs may also assist patients with basic hygiene. As part of their work, LVNs collect samples for testing, perform routine laboratory tests, and record food and fluid intake and output. They also clean and monitor medical equipment. Sometimes, they help physicians and registered nurses perform tests and procedures. Some LVNs help to deliver, care for, and feed infants.

The information above was taken directly from the following websites:

[http://degreedirectory.org/articles/What\\_Does\\_an\\_LVN\\_Do.html](http://degreedirectory.org/articles/What_Does_an_LVN_Do.html)  
<http://www4.stanbridge.edu/s9/content/vn-benefits-of-nursing-career>

- Stanton University

Website: <http://stantonuniversity.com/new/nursing/nursing.php?page=2>  
Phone number: 714.539.6561  
Address: 12666 Brookhurst St. Garden Grove, CA 92840  
Length of Program: 12 months  
Cost: \$19500

- Coast Health Career College

Website: <http://coasthealthcareercollege.com/>

Phone number: 714.776.8405

Address: 1741 W. Katella Avenue- Anaheim, CA 92804

Length of Program: 12 months

Cost: \$20000

- Concorde Career Colleges, INC.

Website: [http://healthcare.concorde.edu/program/vocational\\_nursing?SourceID=E77561&ClientDocumentID=87&TrafficID=p152991120&gclid=CPWRxt-AsK4CFYoZQgodVRODSw](http://healthcare.concorde.edu/program/vocational_nursing?SourceID=E77561&ClientDocumentID=87&TrafficID=p152991120&gclid=CPWRxt-AsK4CFYoZQgodVRODSw)

Phone number: 888.849.9394

Address: 12951 Euclid St. Suite 101 Garden Grove, CA 92840

Length of Program: 13 months

Cost: \$33825.35 (price may vary)

## **Phlebotomist Programs**

What is a Phlebotomist?

“Phlebotomists are individuals who are trained in drawing blood and analyzing them for the detection, diagnosis and treatment of diseases. They perform a series of complex chemical, biological, microscopic and bacteriological tests on patients and provide an appropriate diagnosis. These tests are done to detect the presence of microorganisms like bacteria, viruses, fungi etc. Some of them monitor programs to ensure the accuracy of the results performed and also supervise clinical laboratory technicians”

The information above was taken directly from the following website:

<http://www.gurnick.edu/articles/what-phlebotomists-do>

- University of California, Irvine- College of Health Sciences

Website: <http://www.pathology.uci.edu/phlebotomyprog.html>

Phone number: 714.456.8272

Address: UC Irvine Medical Center

101 The City Drive, Rt. 38

Orange, CA 92868

Length of Program: 40 hrs basic & advanced didactic training, 100 hrs practical training in clinical setting

Cost: \$1400

- Saddleback College

Website: <http://www.saddleback.edu/hs/phlebotomy/>  
Phone number: 949.582.4701  
Address: 28000 Marguerite Parkway, Mission Viejo, CA 92692  
Length of Program: 16 weeks  
Cost: \$561 (Price may vary)

### **Offers Programs in CNA, Phlebotomy, & Pharmacy Technician**

What is a Pharmacy Technician?

“Pharmacy Technicians play an integral role in the preparation and distribution of medications. Pharmacy technician duties include a variety of tasks that assist the pharmacist with keeping the pharmacy running efficiently. There will always be a licensed pharmacist on duty and some of the ways you will assist him are her will be:”

- § “counting and bottling pills”
- § “labeling prescription bottles”
- § “entering patient information into the pharmacy computer”
- § “helping to keep pharmacy records up to date”
- § “coordinating information with insurance companies”
- § “waiting on customers”

“Since you will not have the advanced training and education that a pharmacist has, you will not be expected or permitted to answer questions about specific medications nor can you offer medical advice to a patient about any conditions they may have.”

The information above was taken directly from the following website:

<http://www.herzine.org/pharmacy-technician-job-description/#ixzz1qR9jZNNs> <<http://www.herzine.org/pharmacy-technician-job-description/#ixzz1qR9jZNNs>>

- Los Angeles Vocational Institute

Website: <http://www.lavocational.com/courses/courses.html#> <<http://www.lavocational.com/courses/courses.html#>>

Phone Number: 213.480.4882  
Address: 3540 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 410  
Los Angeles, CA 90010

*CNA*

Length of Program: 8 weeks

Cost: \$1675

*Phlebotomy*

Length of Program: 115 hours

Cost: \$1675

*Pharmacy Technician*

Length of Program: 650 hours

Cost: \$6575

- Rio Hondo

Website: <http://www.riohondo.edu/>

Phone Number: 562.692.0921

Address: 3600 Workman Mill Road  
Whittier, CA 90601-1699

*Phlebotomy*

Length of Program: Approximately 1 month

Cost: \$1,800

*Pharmacy Technician*

Length of Program: Approximately 5-6 months

Cost: \$3,000

## **Dental Assistant Programs**

*What do Dental Assistants do?*

*“Dental assistants perform a variety of patient care, office, and laboratory duties. They sterilize and disinfect instruments and equipment, prepare and lay out the instruments and materials required to treat each patient, and obtain and update patients' dental records. Assistants make patients comfortable in the dental chair and prepare them for treatment. During dental procedures, assistants work alongside the dentist to provide assistance. They hand instruments and materials to dentists and keep patients' mouths dry and clear by using suction hoses or other devices. They also instruct patients on postoperative and general oral healthcare.”*

*“Dental assistants may prepare materials for impressions and restorations, and process dental x rays as directed by a dentist. They also may remove sutures, apply topical anesthetics to gums or cavity-preventive agents to teeth, remove excess cement used in the filling process, and place dental dams to isolate teeth for treatment.”*

The information above was taken directly from the following website:

<http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos163.htm> <<http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos163.htm>>

- Orange Coast College

Website: [http://www.orangecoastcollege.edu/academics/divisions/consumer\\_health/allied\\_health/program\\_information/dental\\_assisting\\_registered/](http://www.orangecoastcollege.edu/academics/divisions/consumer_health/allied_health/program_information/dental_assisting_registered/)

Phone number: 714.432.5565

Address: 2701 Fairview Road

Costa Mesa, CA 92626  
Office: Al H Sc 205C  
Length of Program: 2 semesters  
Cost: Approximately \$2600

- American Career College

Website: <http://americancareercollege.edu/programs/dental-assisting.html>

Phone number: 877.832.0790

Address:

Length of Program: 10 month

Cost: Approximately \$17067.50

- UEI College

Website: <http://www.uei.edu/discover/dentalAssistant.php>

Phone number: 888.289.9313

Address: 401 W. Carl Karcher Way

Anaheim, CA 92801

Length of Program: 8-9 months (may vary)

Cost: \$1606

## **Veterinary Technician or Veterinary Assistant Programs**

What do Veterinary Assistants do?

“Veterinary Assistants assist veterinarians and veterinary technicians in preventing and treating animal diseases. Veterinary assistants play an important role in keeping the veterinary hospital running smoothly. Loving animals is a great attribute but good people skills are a must!”

“Their main duties are:”

- “Holding animals for treatments and tests”
- “Front office support”
- “Checking in animal patients”
- “Educating the public”
- “Collecting and processing laboratory samples”
- “Administering medicines”
- “Keep the animal patients and the hospital clean”

“Veterinary assistants spend most of their time with pets and pet owners and are directly responsible for the care both receive while at the hospital.”

What do Veterinary Technicians do?

“Registered Veterinary Technicians are registered nurses for animal patients. They have taken a test and have a license in the state in which they are working. An RVT

gets his or her education from a community college or private school and can earn a two or four year degree in animal health technology. In California, veterinary assistants who have developed their skills for three or more years can get education in animal health care on a fast track that will allow them to become licensed without a degree. This is known as the alternate route. The duties of an RVT include those performed by an assistant and in addition, they have more advanced skills and supervisory duties. Registered Veterinary Technicians have advanced skills in the areas of anesthesia, dentistry, bandaging, and surgical assisting, and more training in obtaining blood samples, taking X-rays, placing catheters, and administering treatments. They may also have experience with exotic animals such as birds, reptiles, and small mammals. After obtaining a license, an RVT may pursue advanced specialization in the area of anesthesia, critical care, or dentistry.”

The information above was taken directly from the following website:

<http://www.vetassistant.com/Career-Descriptions/>

- Penn Foster Career School (online school)

Website: [http://www.pennfoster.edu/vetassistant/index.html?semkey=Q097566&gclid=CIOq2J6YsK4CFa0FRQodh32\\_Rg](http://www.pennfoster.edu/vetassistant/index.html?semkey=Q097566&gclid=CIOq2J6YsK4CFa0FRQodh32_Rg)

Phone number: 1.800.214.6230

Address:

Length of Program:

Cost: \$855

- Boston Reed

Website: [http://bostonreedcollege.com/enrollnow/index.cfm?search=1&tid=1633590&s\\_flag=1&txtzip=90029&prg=501&srt=gdistance](http://bostonreedcollege.com/enrollnow/index.cfm?search=1&tid=1633590&s_flag=1&txtzip=90029&prg=501&srt=gdistance)

Phone number: 800.201.1141

Address: Los Angeles City College Community Services

TBA, Los Angeles City College

855 N. Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90029

Length of Program: 35 hours

Cost: \$999

- Animal Behavior College

Website: <http://animalbehaviorcollege.com/VeterinaryAssistant/curriculum.asp>

Phone number: 1.800.795.3294

Address:

Length of Program: 52 weeks (may vary)

Cost: \$2705 to \$3460 (varies)

- **Professional Veterinary Assistant School**

Website: <http://www.vetassistant.com/> < <http://www.vetassistant.com/> >



Phone Number: 949.597.0533  
Address: 12752 Garden Grove Blvd  
Garden Grove, CA 92843  
Length of Program: Approximately 1 year  
Cost:

- Mt. San Antonio College

Website: [www.mtsac.edu](http://www.mtsac.edu) <<http://www.mtsac.edu>>  
Phone Number: 909.594.5611  
Address: 1100 N. Grand Ave.  
Walnut, CA 91789  
Length of Program: Approximately 3 years (may take longer because classes are impacted)  
Cost: \$36 a unit

- Pierce College

Website: [www.piercecollege.edu](http://www.piercecollege.edu) <<http://www.piercecollege.edu>>  
Phone Number: 818.719.6401, 818.347.0551, or 818.710.4254  
Address: 6201 Winnetka Ave.  
Woodland Hills, California 91371  
Length of Program: 2 years full time  
Cost: \$46/unit

- San Diego Mesa College

Website: [www.sandiegomesacollege.net](http://www.sandiegomesacollege.net) <<http://www.sandiegomesacollege.net>>  
Phone Number: 619.388.2600  
Address: 7250 Mesa College Drive  
San Diego, CA 92111  
Length of Program: 2 years  
Cost: Approximately \$500-\$600 per semester (double that the first semester)

- Foothill College

Veterinary Technology Program  
Website: <http://www.foothill.edu/bio/programs/vettech/> <<http://www.foothill.edu/bio/programs/vettech/>>  
Phone Number: 650.949.7203  
Address: 12345 El Monte Rd.  
Los Altos Hills, CA 94022  
Length of Program:  
Cost: