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). Please remember to “Like” us on Facebook [http://www.facebook.com/pages/CSUF-Health-Professions-Office/162107167177438?created#!/pages/CSUF-Health-Professions-Office/162107167177438?v=wall].

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.medicaljobs.org/articles/emt-can-do-more.php

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/
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://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
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
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

· Los Angeles Vocational Institute

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/](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

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**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:

- 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
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=Cl0q2J6YsK4CFa0FRQodh32_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=16335
90&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>
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>
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>
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: