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New Healthcare Career Readiness Program for Incoming College Freshmen to be Offered at Saddleback College

Mission Viejo, CA – This summer, Saddleback College’s Community Education will offer Healthcare Career Readiness: Fast Track to Success, a new program for incoming college freshmen who are interested in exploring allied health career opportunities. This innovative program, developed through the Division of Health Sciences and Human Services, will meet at Saddleback, Monday through Friday, July 30th to August 10th, and will emphasize career exploration, medical terminology, applied math, and professional communication. Made possible by a grant from the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office, the program will give students opportunities to learn about numerous health care careers, including medical assistant, paramedic, emergency medical technician (EMT), phlebotomist, medical lab technician, nursing, and health information technologist.

“Saddleback College’s Community Education is providing a great opportunity for our local high school students to explore numerous career options within a short period of time,” said Dr. Tod Burnett, President of Saddleback College. “Research has repeatedly shown that the need for trained healthcare professionals will continue to increase and programs like this one will pave the way for students to sharpen their skills before attending college.”

“We are very excited about this pilot program and believe it has real potential to be a model in the state and throughout the nation,” said Dean of Health Sciences and Human Services Donna Rane-Szostak. “The program, which will give our students the tools they need to be successful in an allied health program and thrive in the healthcare industry, will benefit the entire community, which needs more allied health professionals.”

Students will receive in-class and online instruction from Saddleback College faculty who are experts in each of the focus areas, be provided a student success coach, and take a pre- and post-assessment evaluation to gauge their learning. For students considering a healthcare career, this program can help to pinpoint an appropriate career goal. The skills instruction and support they receive in the summer program will prepare them to pick a career path and build the strong foundational skill-set necessary for success in an allied health program.

Space for this program is limited. For details about the program and to register, visit www.saddleback.edu/ce/HealthCareerReadiness.html. The one-time fee of $46 includes all course materials and access to online resources. For more information call 949-582-4701.
Located in Mission Viejo, Saddleback College provides quality higher education and training to the greater south Orange County community. Having served more than 500,000 students since 1968, Saddleback College offers more than 300 degree and certificate programs to help students reach their personal, career, and educational goals. For more information, please visit www.saddleback.edu.

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