

THE LOGO

Starting now, we are using the following two logos for school documents. One of them has the tag line of "Your life. Powered by Learning".



So what does "fortis" mean?

In Latin, it means strong, powerful, and firm just like the students and the school programs here. We provide you strong, powerful, and firm curricula to support your successful career.

~~~~~ WEATHER ALERT – SCHOOL CLOSING INFORMATION

The College's closing procedures due to inclement weather, hazardous road conditions, or any other emergency.

Notification of class cancellations will be broadcast on the radio and television stations listed below.

Morning and evening classes will be addressed separately.

Look for the school name either **Bohecker or **Fortis** under Franklin County!**

TV Stations:

NBC 4 http://www2.nbc4i.com/weather/school_closings/
WBNS 10

<http://www.10tv.com/live/content/weather/closings.html>

WSYX 6 <http://www.abc6onyourside.com/newsroom/closings/>

FOX (WTTE) 8 <http://myfox28columbus.com/newsroom/closings/>

Radio Stations:

WTVN 610 AM

<http://www.610wtvn.com/pages/closings/closings.html>

WNCI 97.9 FM

<http://www.610wtvn.com/pages/closings/closings.html>

WCOL 93.3 FM

<http://www.610wtvn.com/pages/closings/closings.html>

WGAR 99.5 FM

<http://www.wgar.com/common/schoolclosings/>

This information can also be found in the College's catalog. A general message will be left on the main phone line (614-882-2551) notifying callers of the cancellation, closing, or delay. ***The College will make every effort to provide announcements concerning cancellations, closings, and delays normally by 6:00 a.m. for morning/day classes and 4 p.m. for evening classes***

~~~~~ A Day of Celebration: Graduation Ceremony – By Bill McClain, Director of Radiologic Technology

Fortis College Columbus Winter 2012

Commencement took place at the Veteran's Memorial on January 21, 2012. Throughout the auditorium there was a sense of pride and happiness displayed by all in attendance despite the winter storm that blew in earlier the morning. There were approximately one hundred twenty-five of the two hundred eighteen candidates for graduation attended the ceremony. Associate degrees were award in Registered Nursing, Medical Business & Clinical Specialist, Radiologic Technology, and Surgical Technology. Diplomas were also awarded in Practical Nursing, Medical Assisting, Medical Billing & Coding, and Medical X-Ray Technology.

The commencement began with opening remarks from Karen Pictor the Director of Education. She welcomed the family members and guest in the audience. Ms. Pictor then acknowledged the support given of them toward their loved one during the candidate's goal attainment. She also commended each candidate for their success. The ceremony continued with an inspiring rendition of the National Anthem by Jordon Leuvoy. Ms. Pictor then introduced the Campus President, Wynn Blanton.

Mr. Blanton conveyed his congratulatory remarks to the candidates and introduced the Keynote Speaker Mrs. Terri Harville. She took the podium echoing similar remarks that were previously made to the candidates. Mrs. Harville suggested they should continue to learn and that it was never too late. The graduation continued with each candidate being presented to the audience. Family members, friends, staff and faculty all expressed many shout outs and cheers during this time as they strutted across the stage with their head held high. You could feel the excitement and pride of all because of their achievement. The ceremony concluded with all nursing personnel reciting the Florence Nightingale Pledge and Mr. Blanton's Conferral of the Degrees.

Congratulations!!!

DEPARTMENTS HIGHLIGHTS

PHARMACY -- by Vanessa Mrazek, Director of Pharmacy Technology

◆ **Scheduling:**

Please remember to remain flexible with class scheduling. Every five weeks a new class begins and the days and times will vary based on instructor and room availability as well as new students entering the class rotation. The Pharmacy Program remains a day program with classes offered anytime between 7am and 5pm Monday through Friday.

◆ **Tutoring:**

Please remember I am always available for tutoring for every class being offered. Please make an appointment with me for tutoring so I can ensure that my schedule is cleared for my time with you.

◆ **Questions / Concerns / Comments:**

Please remember my door is always open! Feel free to bring any issues or concerns you may have to me and we will work together to find a solution.

◆ **Pharmacy Hallway and Bulletin Board:**

Please remember to stop and see your Pharmacy Program Bulletin Board located in the Radiology/Pharmacy Hallway. The bulletin board showcases information that is important to you as pharmacy technician students including: certification requirements, current pharmacy news, upcoming seminars, school activities, and job postings. The information posted will change periodically so please remember to continually check back.

◆ **Student Associations:**

There are several pharmacy technician associations offering student memberships at a discounted price. It is important as a pharmacy technician to remain active in your field of work. Please consider joining one of these associations and becoming involved in the pharmacy field as a student. It is a great resume builder!

***** Please remember to introduce yourself to our new pharmacy instructor Hilary Brooks, beginning February 1st. She has extensive knowledge in the pharmacy world centered on hospital and retail settings.***



The Logic of Good Attendance

-- By Danielle Maylin, Registrar

Attendance: A prominent **Key to Your Success** – here at Fortis College and in the workforce. When you don't attend classes you're out of the loop. If you aren't in the loop, you're the last to know everything. And if you're the last to know everything, how will you ever get ahead?

Attending class is your first step to earning good grades. Good grades could land you a good job. And a good job can turn into a fulfilling, satisfying, lifelong career!

When you miss class, you could also miss vital, *potentially lifesaving* information. Not to mention, if you miss too much class it could be dropped from your schedule – or worse you could fail, which could push out your graduation date, making that fulfilling, satisfying, lifelong career further out of reach.

So, if after reading this you aren't convinced that good attendance is where it all begins and you still find it imperative to miss a class, keep in touch with your instructors so that you can get your assignments and stay caught up! Which is the second **Key to Your Success**: Being prepared!



~~~~~ 2011 TUITION STATEMENT – By Deidre Vance, Director of Financial Aid

2011 Tuition Statements will be made available online at www.1098T.com after January 27, 2012. Access and print your 2010 and 2011 1098T online at www.1098T.com. If you have general questions regarding the 1098T Tuition Statement, or other federal Education Benefits, contact TCRS, Tax Credit Reporting Services. TCRS 1098T Hotline 1-877-467-3821.

If students need 2007, 2008, 2009 Tuition Statements, please contact 410-513-8057. For 2006 or prior, you may contact the Business Office or Financial Aid.

~~~~~ ASK THE EXPERTS: CAREER SERVICES – By Marlene Teed and Eva Hudgins

So, you've graduated your program of study, developed a professional resume, and have landed the interview. You sit in front of the interviewer as they look over your resume. They look up at you and say, "I've read your resume, and it seems your skills are solid, tell me a little bit about yourself." Your heart stops, and all thoughts make a quick exit leaving you speechless.

The "tell me about yourself" question, is the number one most asked question in an interview. Practicing your elevator pitch and delivering it with confidence can be the difference between a successful, standout interview, and an interview that fades into the background. Here are a few questions to ask yourself to help you form a clear and concise answer to the ever dreaded question, "tell me about yourself."

- ◆ Introduce yourself.
- ◆ What school did you attend and which program did you study?
- ◆ Why did you choose that program?
- ◆ Why are you interested in this position?
 - "Because there is an open position here" is not a good answer. Research the company you are interviewing with.
- ◆ What are some of your strengths you can bring to this employer?
- ◆ How can those strengths contribute to the company?

Once you are able to answer these questions, put all the information together and **PRACTICE**. Remember the interviewer wants to know about the professional you, make sure you allow the

professional you shine through. Call Career Services and we will be happy to help you prepare an elevator pitch that will impress even the toughest interviewer.

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**LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER – By Laura Cheng, LRC Manager**

◆ **New in Circulation Policy:**

Starting now, students will be charged a one-time and flat late fee for each overdue book after the 7-day of checkout period. This fee is not refundable. If the item is damaged or lost, another \$80 will be charged to the student's school account.

**Remember to return the checked out item(s) before it is due!**

◆ **Free Word Processing Programs:**

- Open Office, <http://www.openoffice.org/>
- AbiWord, <http://www.abisource.com/>
- Google Documents, <https://docs.google.com/> (Need a Google account)



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BEING A STUDENT.... – By Kevin Morkel, Faculty

Paraproso dokians

I had to look up “paraproso dokian”. Here is the definition:

“Figure of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected; frequently used in a humorous situation.”

- “Where there’s a will, I want to be in it,” is a type of paraproso dokian.
- To steel ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
- Whenever I fill out an application, in the part that says, “In case of emergency, notify:” I put “Doctor.”

Caption Contest



Submit your caption idea for the cartoon shown here. Place your entry in the box in the student lounge. The winner will receive a deluxe Red Cross First Aid Kit.

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**ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

◆ **Students who have achieved *High Honors* (GPA 3.8 – 4.0)**

- **Medical Assisting:**  
Amber Boothe, Beth Brasseur, Hollie Dix, Brittanie Duty, Lynda Hogan, Kimberly Linton-Cooperrider, Suzanne Mazurek, Brian McKinley, Samantha Meyer, Dianne Ratliff, Maria Rodriguez, and Karen Sparks
- **Medical Billing & Coding:**  
Lori Del Riesgo and Kendra Munsour

◆ **Students who have achieved *Deans Honors* (GPA 3.40 – 3.79)**

- **Radiologic Technology :**  
Amy Arthur, Chelsea Dye, Zachary Morgan, Lauren Rees, Jim Sargent, Justin Shelton, and Elizabeth Skolmutch.
- **Surgical Technologist:**  
Trevor Linnabary, Latoya Mason, and Sarah Rupp.
- **Medical Assisting:**  
Pam Beckett, Rachael Brasseur, Haily Fellows, Michelle Ford, Ebony Gales, Amanda Green, Frances Hughes, Carolyn Miller, Brienne Milliron, Kristen Moore, Crystal neining, Narretha Ofori, Kayley Severance, Tashieka Smith, Sierra Stovall-Gilliard, and Hillary Tackett
- **Medical Billing & Coding:**  
Helen Gebramlak, Elizabeth Harman, Kris Wilson, and Candace Yuille

◆ **Students who are NTHS Members (National Technical Honor Society)**

- **Medical Assisting:**  
Brittanie Duty, Haily Fellows, and Dianne Ratliff



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UP COMING.....

We welcome students' and faculty's input to this newsletter. Please send your ideas and submissions to :

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**INTRODUCTION OF ASSOCIATIONS**

◆ **American Association of Medical Assistants (AAMA)**

<http://www.aama-ntl.org/>



Become a CMA (AAMA)

<http://www.aama-ntl.org/becomeCMA/how.aspx>

Student membership: Your discounted student membership fee is only \$20 to \$35 (depending on where you live)

<http://www.aama-ntl.org/join.aspx>



◆ **American Medical Billing Association (AMBA)**

<http://www.ambastore.net/>



Individual membership (\$99)

<http://www.ambastore.net/searchresults.asp?cat=26>

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