

WHAT'S NEW?

Institutional Accreditation Renewal Visit

-by Mark Volpe, Director of Education

Fortis College- Columbus OH is institutionally accredited by the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABHES)!!

Accreditation assures the institution has quality education and services in place; and, the methods to measure the effectiveness of the educational experience and its outcomes. Accreditation also makes the institution eligible to participate in Title IV federal funding which in turn allows its students to seek financial aid/assistance if qualified/eligible. The institution recently welcomed the ABHES accreditation evaluation team for grant of renewal of accreditation.

The renewal of accreditation is routine in that all accredited institutions have an initial grant of accreditation, a finite period of time for which that accreditation is granted, and then are re-visited to renew that accreditation. Fortis College –Columbus OH has undergone prior visits for its renewal of its accreditation; and, Oct 2012 was the time for its next scheduled visit for accreditation renewal. The visit was a success with the evaluation team reporting five exceeds standards; all in the Pharmacy Technician program.

The institution has submitted its formal response to the formal report submitted by the evaluation team; and, awaits the decision of the ABHES Commission which occurs in January 2013.

Fortis College – Columbus OH is confident of its once again securing accreditation renewal.



Fortis College Teacher Wins State Award



(Columbus, OH) – Rebecca Black, a member of the faculty at the Fortis College, received the 2012 Master Teacher Award from the Ohio Association of Career Colleges and Schools at the group's annual meeting in Columbus.

Each year, the association honors teachers at career colleges and schools for outstanding service to their students, institutions and profession.

FINANCIAL AID

– By Deidre Vance, Financial Aid Director

As we approach the end of another semester, we have important information that students need to keep in mind:

1. If you are required to retake a course, you will have tuition charges associated with the retake.
2. If you have withdrawn or failed a course during the term and you must be scheduled to retake the class. You are **Required** to meet with financial aid to revise your financial aid package to ensure that you have adequate financial assistance to cover the charges associated with the retake.
3. Financial aid funds for the term may post to your account during the 1st week of the term, however, refunds are scheduled after all tuition and fee charges are posted to your student account.
4. Please do not inundate the financial aid office with phone calls requesting stipend checks. Once all tuition and fees are posted, you will receive your refund within 7 to 10 business days. Continuous calls may result in slower processing times.
5. The Business Office is responsible to post tuition and fee charges to your student

account. If you have any questions regarding charges, please contact Wendy Brill, Business Office Manager.

6. If your 2012-13 FAFSA was selected for verification by the Dept of Education and you have NOT provided the required document to the Financial Aid Office, this may affect your ability to start the next term beginning 12/10/12. Please contact the Financial Aid Office if you have any questions or concerns.
7. If you attended another college or university prior to Fortis and you received Federal Stafford Loans or Federal Perkins Loans, you should check the status of your prior loans. If you do not plan to make payments on your loans while you are in school, please confirm with your lender that your loans are currently **Deferred** or in **Forebearance**. You can find out by visiting the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) at www.NSLDS.ed.gov This website gives you a list of all Federal Stafford Loans that you have outstanding. To access your information, you must provide your PIN # that was assigned to you when you completed your FAFSA.



8. **Federal Pell Grant Duration of Eligibility** - Public Law 112-74 amended HEA section 401(c)(5) to reduce the duration of a student's eligibility to receive a Federal Pell Grant to 12 semesters (or its equivalent). This provision applies to all Federal Pell Grant eligible students effective with the 2012-13 award year. The calculation of the duration of a student's eligibility will include all years of the student's receipt of Federal Pell Grant funding. If you have been attending schools for several years, you may be affected by this change. The Financial Aid Office has been

contacting students who are affected by this change to the Pell Grant Program beginning with this current award year. If you are contacted, it is imperative that you see the financial aid office immediately to revise your financial aid package. If you have any questions or concerns about your eligibility, please contact the financial aid office.

9. **Changes in Financial Aid Administration**

Duties - The financial aid office has realigned the duties and responsibilities handled by the administrators in the office. This is a general list of duties and responsibilities. Please make a note of who you need to see for questions/concerns.

- a. **Cheri Burwell, Financial Aid Administrator**
 - New Students in an "ENROLLED" status but have not yet started classes.
 - Admissions Representative for new student packaging
 - Current students in their 1st term at Fortis.
- b. **Marlowe Earley, Financial Aid Officer**
 - New Students in an "ENROLLED" status but have not yet started classes.
 - Admissions Representative for new student packaging
 - Current students in their 1st term at Fortis.
- c. **Joni Hensel, Financial Aid Administrator**
 - Students who withdrew and wish to re-enter to complete the program
 - Repackaging for Retake charges
 - Repackaging for the next Academic year (for any program longer than 2 semesters)
- d. **Deidre Vance, Director of Financial Aid**
 - Ensure financial aid funds are disbursed from various sources and posted to the student's ledger account
 - Ensure that each student has a complete financial aid package in place to fund their educational pursuit
 - Ensure that the financial aid office maintains compliance with Federal, State and Accrediting body regulations for administering Federal financial aid funds.

- Student file and student account reviews

ALLIED HEALTH PRORAM

Instructors Becky Black, Robin Hutchinson and Miesty Fast all passed the Certified Clinical Medical Assistant Exams through the National Healthcareer Association.

Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA)

The Certified Clinical Medical Assistant is an unlicensed, multi-skilled healthcare practitioner who is competent in both clinical and administrative procedures. As a CCMA you may perform some or all of the following tasks:

- Interview patients
- Measure and record vital signs
- Prepare exam rooms
- Clean and sterilize medical equipment
- Administer injections, as well as topical or oral medications
- Perform venipuncture and point-of-care testing

<http://www.nhanow.com/clinical-medical-assistant.aspx>



FORTIS COLLEGE – COLUMBUS OFFERS THE FOLLOWING AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION COURSES

- BLS FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS
 - Cost of course is \$75.00 which includes:
 - Study Guide
 - Pocket Mask
- HEARTSAVER FIRST AID
 - Cost of course is \$45.00 which includes:
 - Supplies needed for course

**STEPS TO RESERVE A SEAT IN SCHEDULED BLS OR
FIRST AID COURSES:**

1. Go to www.heart.org
2. Select CPR & ECC
3. Find a course – classroom
4. Enter zip code (43081 for this campus)
5. View scheduled classes
6. Enter the date range
7. Select the course (BLS for Healthcare Providers of HeartSaver First Aid)
8. Reserve a space in the desired class



PAYMENT FOR THE COURSE IS COLLECTED AT THE TIME OF THE CLASS: PAYMENT MUST BE MADE BY CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK OR MONEY ORDER.

If you have any questions, please contact Angela LeuVoy @ 614-882-2551 or aleuvoy@fortiscollege.edu

DISCLAIMER

The American Heart Association (AHA) strongly promotes knowledge and proficiency in BLS, ACLS, and PALS and has developed instructional materials for this purpose. Use of these materials in an educational course does not represent course sponsorship by the American Heart Association. Any fees charged for such a course, except for a portion of fees needed for AHA course materials; do not represent income to the Association.

PHARMACY TECHNICIAN PROGRAM

**-- by Vanessa Mrazek, Pharmacy Technician
Program Director**

The Pharmacy Technology Department celebrated Health System Pharmacy Week and Pharmacy Technician Day in October. We had several students participate in our scavenger hunt with prizes given daily. 100% participation was awarded to Brittney Frost and Ariam Zenaghebriel.

During our Awards Celebration Lunch (sponsored by Tim Horton's) we had perfect attendance awards handed out to Yusuf Sidebeh, Alex Oppong, Brittney Frost, Ariam Zenaghebriel, Hudson Sissay, and Richard Kanu. We had door prize drawings

with students winning school supplies and coupons for 5 bonus points to add to a homework assignment of their choice, as well as a scavenger hunt participation drawing (one ticket for each day you participated) and a Grand Prize drawing (one ticket for each class with perfect attendance, one ticket for each class with a final grade of B, and two tickets for each class with a final grade of A).

Brittney Frost won our participation drawing and earned a set of Thank You cards and a Fortis Flash Drive. Hudson Sissay won our Grand Prize drawing and earned a set of Thank You cards, a Fortis Flashdrive, and a padded portfolio for use while interviewing.



Student Ambassadors

The Fortis College Student Ambassadors have completed several volunteer activities since their start in August including assisting with graduation and exploring open house events, making baked goods for the Surgical Sweets bake sale, and assisting the nursing department in various meetings.

For the remainder of the year The Student Ambassadors will be holding several different charity events including a Canned Food Drive, Toys for Tots, Pets without Parents, and a warm clothing Drive (Hats, Gloves, Scarves). Participation from all programs is greatly appreciated in order to make these events a great success!!

If you have any suggestions for future volunteer events, any questions, or would like an application to apply for the next selection of Student Ambassadors; please contact Vanessa - Pharmacy

Technology Program Director
at vmrazek@fortiscollege.edu or 614-882-2551.

CAREER SERVICES CORNER

-- Marlene Teed, Director of Career Services, &
Rachel Grubb, Career Services Advisor

Professionalism - 5 Characteristics That Detract from Professionalism in the Workplace

By Lynda Goldman www.ezinearticles.com



Lynda Goldman is the published author of 30 books, and a consultant on communications and business etiquette for corporations. She is a professional writer, spending her days writing articles, training materials, website content, brochures, and much more.

Lynda has been a teacher for many years, and a seminar leader for corporations. Her greatest joy now is to sit at her computer with a cappuccino at her fingertips, and her small dog named Rock Star at her feet. Facing a blank screen, with lots of ideas to write, are Lynda's idea of fun!

Do you project a professional image?

Professionalism in the workplace is based on many factors, including how you dress, how you carry yourself, your attitude, and how you interact with others.

Some characteristics put you at risk of making a negative impression, and this can hurt your career.

Here are 5 key characteristics to watch for, and ways to change them.

1. Negative attitude: Dressing or behaving badly, and thinking that no one will notice, is a sure sign that people will notice - and think badly of you. Your attitude colors everything you do. Pay attention to how you dress, and how you treat other people. It does make a difference.
2. Unprofessional body language: Here are two things we see often in public, that create a poor impression. The first one is yawning with your

mouth wide open. Showing the world your molars isn't professional. Cover your mouth.

3. More unprofessional body language: Chewing gum advertises you as unprofessional. It's distracting to see someone chomping away at a piece of gum while they are talking to a client, or in a meeting. If you chew gum while driving to an appointment, get rid of it before your meeting.

4. Excessive fragrance: Too much perfume or aftershave lotion is distracting, and can aggravate allergies in some people. Be clean and fresh, but keep your fragrance to a minimum. People should not smell your fragrance unless they are hugging you. If they smell you across the room, you've overdone it.

5. Unkempt fingernails: Women with inch-long fingernails, as well as unusual colors of polish, are not taken seriously. Anyone with ragged, or unkempt nails makes a poor impression as well. Did you know that people notice hands right after they notice faces? Keep your nails trimmed and clean. For women, a clear polish or French manicure looks classy and professional.

Achievements:

For the ABHES accrediting year of 2011/2012 Career Services achieved an 86% overall placement rate! This is a huge success for the college and Marlene and Rachel are very proud of the work that is going on in the Career Services Department!

Up Coming Events:

Career Services is hosting a Career Fair! The event will take place on November 14th, 2012 from 1:00-4:30 in room 220. There will be employers and volunteer organizations who are excited to meet our students and graduates. Come and meet some well respected organizations from our local area!

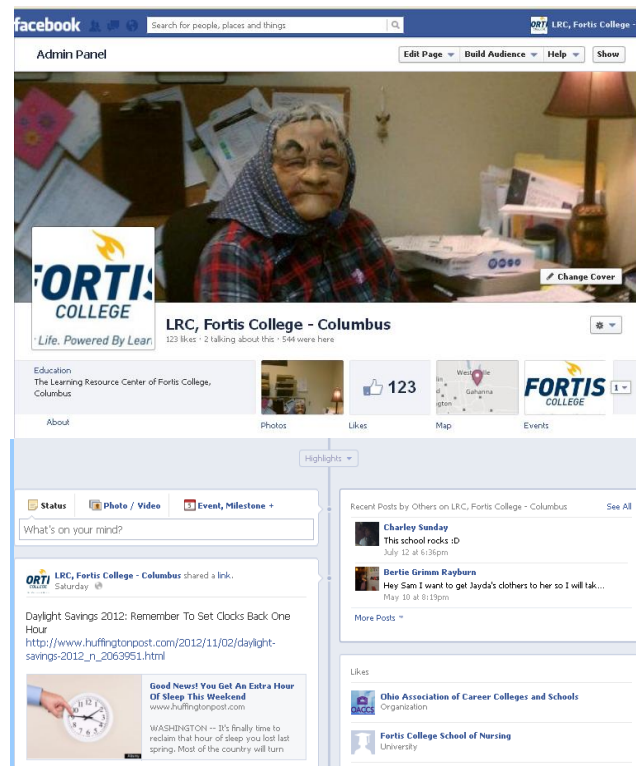
We are here to help! MTeed@FortisCollege.edu / RGrubb@FortisCollege.edu/ 614-882-2551

LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER

– by Laura Cheng, LRC Manager

LRC has a Facebook page. Any school announcements will be posted here!!!

Like and share the LRC Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/LRC-Fortis-College-Columbus/161285080590976?ref=hl>



SUMMER 2012 COMMENCEMENT



Honor Cords

High Honors (GPA 3.8 – 4.0: Gold Cords)

Registered Nursing

Janice Mosser, Samuel Stanyon, Ashley Stewart

Medical Business & Clinical Specialist

Michelle Nash, Sierra Stevens

Practical Nursing

Sarah Biegler, Sarah Mayer, Shannon Kulp, Luke VanDenBerg, Aumend Cunningham

Medical Assisting

Nancy Yeager, Yolanda Bickel, Deidra butler, Francis Eduah, Christina Roth, Maria Sandoval, Melinda Targett, Jessica Vance, Ikarla Villeda, Dan Howard Zolo, Kyle J. Barrett-Mosher

Medical Billing & Coding

Robin Murphy, Sherry riley

Honors (GPA 3.40-3.79: Silver Cords)

Registered Nursing

Cynthia Asante, Christina Turner, Jennifer Bryant, Carolyn Castle, Pamela Chester, Kimberly Coyle, Carla Davis, janel Diewald, Renee Farkas, Laura Holdren, Laurintia kadiri, Dora Nyaundi, Kathleen Short, Aster Tesfazghi, Tiffany Schumacher, Aimee Blumenschein

Surgical Technologist

Emily Case, Joseph Linn, Sarah Overholser

Practical Nursing

Jamie Bauslaugh, Amy Davis, Stephanie Friscoe, Leonice Jenkins, Jason Lower, Conrod Peterkin, Oluwabukolami Olurode

Medical Assisting

Denise Collilns, Lishaunda Dawson, Keira harrow, Laura Heil, Mandy McIlwaine, Marilyn Meilstrup, Crystal Mick, Shelley Miller, Maria Rahman, Yaneth Ruiz, Emily Slve, Kayley Williams, Asiona Wilson

Medical Office Basic X-Ray Technician

Ebony Gales, Sarah hawk, Candace Hobbs, Suzanne Mazurek, Crystal Neiningner

NTHS Members (White Tassel)

Registered Nursing

Alexandria Cooper

Surgical Technologist

Emily Case, Sarah Overholser

Practical Nursing

Jamie Bauslaugh, Vanashia Conner, Sarah Mayer, Courtney Rudolph

Medical Assisting

Melinda Targett

Student Nurses Association

Registered Nursing

Aimee Blumenschein, Rosa Cole, Carla Davis, Rachel Haynes, Centra Meyer, Amy Jo Miller, Samuel Stanyon, Belinda Weldin

Practical Nursing

Deonna Fleming, Leonice Jenkins

Valedictorian

Practical Nursing

Shannon Kulp



MEET THE NEW PEOPLE

• New Faculty

Gina Mullholand

I originally received a degree in Human & Social Services and worked for Hospice as a bereavement coordinator which inspired me to return to school for nursing (I wanted a closer relationship with my patients). After nursing school, I worked in a hospital as a float RN which enabled me to work 4 medical-surgical floors, ICU, Stepdown, and Mental Health. I then finished my BSN and pursued board certification in medical-surgical nursing through ANCC (American Nurses Credentialing Center). I love med/surg nursing and while working in a hospital setting I was able to work with many nursing students which gave me the desire to teach. This desire led to more education with me currently pursuing my

MSN, Educator Track for which I only have 2 classes left! :) I am very happy and honored to be part of Fortis and I look forward to the challenges and the many years ahead!! I have been married going on 14 years, no children, I am an animal lover and have several cats. I love helping others and really enjoy being part of my students lives! :)

Jo Wood

My name is Jo Woods. My first job is at Correction Medical Center. This is a prison system. I got interested in teaching when Fortis College started sending students to my work site. I enjoy doing that a lot, therefore I started looking into schools to go back to school however I have not made it as of yet. I am instruction BXR here at Fortis and I am enjoying it very much. I owe it to Dennise who pointed me in that direction and to Mrs. Leuvoy for giving me the opportunity to instruct/teach at Fortis College. I have been a radiographer for 30 years, 23 of it I worked at the prison and still do, the other 7 I worked in a small hospital in Winnsboro, Tx. I have been on the hostage negotiation team, health and safety committee. I am considered as the chief technologist at work. I enjoy crafts such as wood, jewelry, leather and do crochet. I try and stay busy. I enjoy watching survivor, amazing race and most any cop show.



Kristine Gaver

I graduated from Kent State University with my Associates Degree in Nursing in 2006. I received my Bachelors Degree in Nursing in 2010 from University of Phoenix. I am originally from northeast Ohio and where I worked in an open heart ICU for 5 years. I traveled and worked at The Ross Heart Hospital at OSU for 6 months. I

enjoyed the area so much that I decided to stay. I also taught clinical for RN students for a year. I am married and have a 14 yr old son. I am also a member of the American Association of Critical Care Nurses. In my spare time I enjoy reading and spending time with my family.

Eddie Powell

Eddie Powell is a leading authority on workforce and business development. He has worked on three national US Department of Labor projects, assisted companies, and trained individuals ranging from students to CEO's. He has a number of resources available for job seekers and employers at www.TheSRN.com including Shared Resource Network Television programs and live 24/7/365 Digital Workforce Radio (click on the link at www.TheSRN.com or download WinAmp to your smartphone for mobile access). You can also locate a number of his books and ebooks on Amazon or Kindle.

At Fortis College, Eddie is teaching computers and career development classes. Throughout his teaching career, he has taught marketing, global business, public relations, economics, health-safety-& security, communications, public speaking, podcasting, radio/television, publishing, and much more.

Eddie has been recognized as the U.S. Small Business Journalist of the Year 2007-Region V (Entire Midwest), included in Who's Who, awarded a U.S. Congressional Order of Merit and a U.S. Presidential Commission. He welcomes connecting via www.Linkedin.com/in/EddiePowell.

He reminds you to enjoy the Surgical Sweets Bake Sale with 100% of the proceeds going to Heather Pick Spirit Fund to support Breast Cancer Awareness on October 22 on campus!

• Other New Faculty

Sara Moats – Nursing Instructor

Mandi Mauck – Nursing Instructor

Christopher Jones – Gen Education Instructor

Justin Smolinski – Gen Education Instructor

- **New Staff**



**Director of Education
MARK VOLPE, MD**

With a combined 26 years of senior management experience in the

health care and education arenas, and a personal and professional purpose of *service*, Dr. Volpe brings a notable depth and breadth of applicable and valuable knowledge and leadership and business experience to Fortis College-Columbus. He has proven success in orchestrating effective corporate and campus operations (particular in academics) and bringing about desired outcomes. His effective organizational leadership provides a resource critical in establishing and maintaining the validity, practicality, effectiveness, high standards and value of operations, products and services. He has been instrumental in assisting in the conceptual design, development, strategic business planning, execution and successful operations of numerous educational business entities and their academic initiatives.

As an Academic Dean, Dean of Academic and Student Affairs, Campus Director, Corporate Director of Education, Accreditation and Compliance and Corporate VP of Academic Affairs, Dr. Volpe has evolved to become a highly successful academics operations, accreditation and compliance specialist. His career has provided him lessons learned that he now embodies and shares with others regarding effective organizational leadership and management philosophy and styles that are applied in his work for fashioning a collegial approach and establishing systems to attain desired institutional and educational activities effectiveness and outcomes; and, on-going compliance with company and all governing regulatory agencies (state, federal and accreditation) standards.

Dr. Volpe has conducted numerous in-services, seminars, workshops and presentations for campus leadership and faculty, corporate educational management, participants at state associations of private postsecondary/career schools' conferences; and, at the ABHES National Conference. He has successfully prepared clients and former employers for national institutional and programmatic accreditation visits; an ability which results from his extensive experience as a team leader/evaluator.

Dr. Volpe's keen awareness of and practical experience utilizing key factors in bringing about value-oriented education, an environment conducive to learning, engaging the adult learner, and success in achieving desired educational outcomes have been the driving force behind his years spent conducting faculty development focused on the role of the instructor in the adult learning environment, the adult learner, classroom management, retention strategies, and effective educational activities for desired learning outcomes.

Dr. Volpe remains a sought-after resource in the industry for business/academic initiatives regarding organizational leadership, institutional effectiveness, accreditation, compliance, program development, curriculum and instructional design and services, faculty training/development and academic operations and their measured effectiveness; is an author of numerous educational programs; is a contributing editor of allied health professions texts; is a member of professional organizations with charitable missions; and, continues his role as team leader for evaluation team visits for various national accreditation agencies.



CHARATY WORKS



(October 22) The bake sale hosted by the Surgical Technologist students to support breast cancer awareness has raised **\$335!!!**

100% of the proceeds will be donated to the Heather Pick Spirit Fund!!!



Hands for Hunger

Saturday, October 27th, 2012

9:30 to 10:00am – Food Pass

10:00am to 12:00noon – Local Businesses Open House

Students and faculty participated in this event on the streets of Grove City to pass a can of food, person-by-person, from Mid-Ohio Foodbank to the Grove City Facility.

**MidOhio Food Bank
Helping Hands Food Drive
Most-needed Foods
October 15th – 26th, 2012**



The U.S. Marine Corps has delivered our boxes for Toys for Tots!!

The collection will be until December 8th with pick-up on December 9th.

Please try to participate in this event and encourage your students to do so as well!!!!

Signs have been posted around the school with drop off zones in front of the Registrar - at the elevators (Eva's Office), The LRC, the elevator at the top of the stairs, and in admissions at the front desk.

We have volunteered to be a public drop-off site so please help direct people who may be in the building looking for the drop box.

<http://www.toysfortots.org/?fullweb=1>

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