

HEALTH Grant NEWS

Health Grant

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Coming Soon.....

Mark your calendars for two upcoming Job Fairs: 4/11/12 from 2-5 and 5/17/12 from 9-12.

The first will be a campus wide fair, which will include employers from a wide variety of agencies and businesses, including Health Care!

The second will be the Health Grant Job Fair which will feature employers who are searching for trained health care professionals! This fair will be open to current and former HEALTH Grant students exclusively!

More details will be provided soon!

A Valued Partner

Catholic Charities has been a valuable partner to the HEALTH Grant since the beginning of the Grant.

Catholic Charities is a non profit agency that offers a variety of services to residents in Fulton and Montgomery counties. The goal of the partnership is to create a more diverse pool of applicants by increasing recruitment of underserved populations. All of the students recruited by Catholic Charities come from the Latino community. It is hoped that the new health care employees who have received training through the grant and are working locally in the health care

field will more accurately reflect the changing demographics of the area.

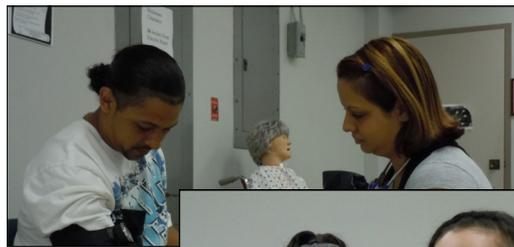
Catholic Charities identifies potential CNA students, screens them, and refers them to the Health Grant. In addition, Catholic Charities offers ongoing support services to these students to help ensure their success in completing training and beginning a career in the Health care field.

To date, Catholic Charities has referred over 100 applicants to the Health Grant. Of these referrals, over a third of the students have successfully completed training. 15 have passed their NYS CNA exam and are certified CNAs, and

10 are employed.

The Health Grant is very pleased that students have achieved this level of success given the challenges of both the course and the current economy.

Increasing the diversity in our CNA classes is a benefit to all our students, and we thank Catholic Charities for their efforts to bring these students into our program. Catholic Charities is not only helping these student to take advantage of an opportunity they otherwise may not have had, they are also helping area employers who benefit from a diverse and capable work force.



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A program to assist those who are interested in a career in the health care field, or who are currently working in health care and want to advance their skills.

All funding for the HEALTH Program is provided by the US Department of Labor through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act



STUDENT OF THE MONTH

The HEALTH Grant is pleased to honor Preeyaporn “Poo” Srichuen-Hawley as our March Student of the Month. Poo was a diligent and always prepared student during pre CNA and CNA class.

Born in Thailand, Poo’s family was very poor. As a child, she sometimes did not have enough to eat. Before coming to the United States less than 18 months ago, Poo had a career as a senior production supervisor at an American electronic company in Thailand. Upon her arrival in this country, Poo spoke little English, but it did not take her long to become fluent. In fact, Poo speaks several languages.

Poo started her CNA training by participating in the HEALTH Grant

ESL class, where she brushed up on her expression and pronunciation



of English. While in CNA class, Poo designed a very helpful chart for her class and for future CNA classes to use, which lists pertinent

information for each of the clinical skills that the CNA students are responsible for learning. This chart neatly summarizes a large amount of information for the students, and should make preparing for clinicals a much easier task!

Poo has been inspiring to her fellow students as well as to HEALTH Grant staff by her hard work, optimism, and unfailing cheerfulness. Poo wants to tell new students “don’t give up if you have a hard life.”

We at the HEALTH Grant wish Poo much success in her new career, and would like to honor her with a lovely gift courtesy of Bed Bath and Beyond and the HEALTH Grant.