Changes to KC Nursing Program Admissions

There are some significant changes being made to the nursing ADN and LPN admission worksheets that will be effective beginning spring 2012. I would like be able to discuss these changes with you in person, and plan to do so during my early spring pre-registration visits. Some of the specific changes are described below:

1. Students must have completed a Medical Terminology class (MEDT 104) prior to submitting their worksheet. Currently, students are required to complete a computer course. The medical terminology class replaces the computer course.
   • The Admission team proposed this change based on the benefit that students will gain from learning medical terminology. They will have better understanding of the words they read in their textbooks and hear in their classes.
   • The Admission team made this change with the understanding that many of the students who apply for admission have been introduced to computers and have a working knowledge (through education or hands on experience) of their use.

2. The cumulative grade point average has been removed from the worksheet.
   • This change was suggested to better serve the needs of students who might not have performed well in either their high school classes or beginning college classes, but now are completing the support courses and required courses with excellent grades.
   • This change will benefit students who participated in honors programs at their high school and because of the difficulty of the class received a grade of B.

3. Students will include either their ACT (if they have completed the ACT within the past five years) or COMPASS scores on the worksheet and be assigned points according to their performance on these standardized tests.
   • Many nursing programs require admissions testing. The Admission team recommended the COMPASS test because it is readily available to students (offered on Main campus and education centers) and inexpensive.
   • Students entering the nursing program will be required to test frequently throughout the program and then will ultimately take a national licensure exam to be awarded license to practice. The students’ success on standardized testing is critical throughout the program and after they complete the curriculum.

4. Students will receive the highest points (4) if they have completed three or more of the required support courses with a grade of A. They will receive (3) points for completing three or more courses with a grade of A or B. They will receive (2) points if they have completed one to two courses with an A or B grade.
   • Currently students receive the highest points (4) for completing 3 or 4 courses with a grade of A or B and two (2) points for completing 1 – 2 courses with an A or B grade.
   • This change encourages student to strive for making all A’s and offers “rewards” for those students who have received 3 or more A’s in program support courses.
Kaskaskia College Receives TRIO Student Support Services Program Grant

Kaskaskia College is proud to announce the acquisition of the TRiO grant, a federally-funded program that provides services for eligible students. The U.S. Department of Education has awarded KC an amount of $220,000 for each of the five years of the grant to help students overcome financial, social, and cultural barriers to higher education.

Under the grant, KC has established the Student Support Services program that will serve 140 eligible students with a goal of increasing their graduation, retention, and transfer rates. TRiO/SSS is located on the main campus and provides services tailored to the needs of program participants. Some of the services available include: tutoring, peer mentoring, academic advising, help with financial aid, cultural experiences, college visits, workshops, assistance to transfer to a four-year institution, and referral to important services on campus and in the community.

The TRiO/SSS program provides opportunities for academic development, assists students with basic college requirements, and motivates students toward the successful completion of their post-secondary education. To qualify for the TRiO/SSS program students must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident and must meet one of the following guidelines:

- A first-generation college student (which means neither parent has a four-year college degree)
- Meet income guidelines established by U.S. Department of Education; or
- Have a verifiable physical or learning disability

For more information, call the TRiO/SSS offices at 545-3035 or 545-3037.

Kaskaskia College Speech Team

The Kaskaskia College Speech Team began in the fall semester 2005 and started actively competing in 2006. Speech Team students have the opportunity to compete in speech and acting events several times per semester at Illinois community colleges such as Illinois Central College, College of Lake County and Harper College.

Students are allowed to choose the events they want to compete in so if they are interested more in acting, they can compete in events such as duo with a partner, monologues or interpretation events. Students can also choose to compete in public speaking events such as informative, persuasive and entertainment speeches.

Fine & Performing Arts Scholarships are available for students interested in the Speech Team. The scholarship covers the cost of tuition up to 18 credit hours a semester, one summer term, and can be renewed for up to two years pending completion of the terms of the scholarship.

Speech Team scholarship students become very active on campus, participate in competitions and some even get involved in the Theatre Program. In addition, the students work on service learning and fundraising projects in the community. Speech Team scholarship students are required to complete the above mentioned courses as well as attend competitions and practices each semester.

For further information about the Speech Team, please contact Brandi Wilkins at 545-3368 or bwilkins@kaskaskia.edu.

For further information about applying for the Speech Team Fine & Performing Arts Scholarship, contact Lisa Bowman at 545-3034 or lbowman@kaskaskia.edu.

Pictured are members of the 2010-2011 Kaskaskia College Speech Team 1st row - Sponsor Brandi Wilkins, Theresa O’Neill (Centralia), Amber Edler (Centralia), Jerrin Mills (Salem), India Hertel (Centralia), and Sponsor David Quinn.
2nd row - Michael Ashby (Centralia), Anthony Eovaldi (Centralia), Rob Sussman (Trenton), Spencer Marcum (Centralia), and Nathan Slininger (Centralia).
Kaskaskia College Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program Celebrates Ten Year Anniversary

The Kaskaskia College Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program started at Kaskaskia College ten years ago with the mission to provide comprehensive educational opportunities that will enable the radiologic technology graduate to become an entry-level sonographer. The program is designed to develop and instill a sense of obligation in the student to become a contributing member to the profession.

Within the program students learn ultrasound physics, ultrasound as it relates to the abdomen, obstetrics, gynecology, and small parts.

The prerequisite for the program is a two-year allied health degree or a bachelor's degree with prerequisite course work. The program begins each fall and consists of the fall, spring, and summer semesters.

Kaskaskia College Radiologic Technology Program Receives Maximum Accreditation

Kaskaskia College and its Radiologic Technology Program is proud to announce that it recently received the maximum award of accreditation from the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT).

The JRCERT is the only agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education for the accreditation of traditional and distance delivery education programs in radiology, radiation therapy, magnetic resonance and medical dosimetry. Specialized accreditation awarded by the JRCERT offers institutions significant value by providing peer evaluation and by assuring the public of quality professional education in the radiologic sciences.

New Web Based Program Available to Students

Kaskaskia College is pleased to announce a new Web Development and Administration Degree. The degree is designed to provide students with the skills required to design, implement, support, and manage web applications to meet demands for careers in web development and systems analysis. The degree also enables software developers to keep up with the demanding changes in technology and obtain career advancement.
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Happy New Year!

It’s hard to believe 2010 has already come and gone, but Kaskaskia College is already gearing up for its Spring Semester. Please use this newsletter as a resource to inform your student population of new and exciting happenings at KC. Additional copies of this newsletter, along with other relevant information can be found at the High School Guidance Counselor website: www.kaskaskia.edu/HS

Sincerely,
Amy Troutt, Coordinator of Student Recruitment

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The table above is a summary of the Special Admit Program admission statistics for the 2010 academic year. Many of you request this information annually, as it is often helpful in advising students applying to one of these programs. Although the statistics do vary each year, depending upon the application pool, it does provide a realistic snapshot of the competitive nature of these programs.