



## PIERCE COUNTY HEALTH CAREER DAY 2011 Workshop Descriptions

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### **Exhibit Hall (1CP) SESSIONS 1-5:**

Universities, Colleges, employers and other organizations will be on hand to answer your questions and share information on healthcare careers and educational programs.

### **Consider Pharmacy: A Rewarding and Challenging Career (5SA) SESSIONS 2-5 ONLY:**

*Michaelene (Micki) Kedzierski, RPh, CDP, Clinical; University of Washington School of Pharmacy*

The rapid growth of the healthcare and pharmaceutical industries, a growing elderly population, and an increase in drug safety concerns for all populations has increased the demand for skilled pharmacy professionals. In addition to working closely with physicians and other prescribers, pharmacists are actively involved in drug therapy decision-making, monitoring of medication use, providing health screening, disease-state counseling and immunization services, and wellness education to the general public. A representative of the University of Washington school of Pharmacy will address pharmacy career options as well as the education, training and licensing requirements for pharmacists.

### **Dental Hygiene: Is this Profession for You? (1SA) SESSIONS 1-5:**

*Professor Monica L. Hospenthal, RDH, BS, M.Ed., Di, Pierce College*

Explore the profession of dental hygiene! You will learn how to better prepare yourself in high school for a future as a prevention oral health specialist. The session also addresses questions related to skills and options for career advancement as a Registered Dental Hygienist and courses necessary for application.

### **Dive into Dentistry (2SA) SESSIONS 1-5:**

*Memory Brock, University of Washington, School of Dentistry*

Discover what dental school is all about.

Learn about:

- \* Careers in dentistry
- \* How to apply to dental school
- \* Financing a dental education
- \* Summer enrichment programs for pre-dental students.

### **The Many Careers in Dentistry (3SA) SESSIONS 1-5:**

*Aarika Anderson, DDS, Community Health Care*

There are many different career opportunities available within the dental field. This workshop will discuss the various job descriptions and how they function together in the dental office and the education required for each position. The different types of dental offices will also be discussed from a dentist's perspective.

**Explore Health Information Management (3T) [SESSIONS 3-5 ONLY:](#)**

***Charlene Gore & Kim Lee, Tacoma Community College***

Health information Management (HIM) is the study of the principles and practices of acquiring, analyzing, and protecting digital and traditional medical information vital to providing quality patient care. HIM is the link to clinicians, technology designers, and information technology; and is the value-adding bridge between patients' health information and payers, government, and regulating agencies. HIM practitioners demonstrate leadership and management of health information in all formats (paper, scanned, or computerized forms), and are a critical component of the electronic health record (EHR) workforce.

**Exploring Careers in Health and Fitness (4SA) [SESSIONS 1-2 ONLY:](#)**

***Lisa Murray and Steve Crain, Pierce College***

Are you passionate about health and fitness? The health and fitness industry is growing at an unprecedented rate. Take a look at innovative approaches to developing professional skills, advancing yourself, and transitioning your lifestyle into a rewarding career! Highlighting Pierce College's Diagnostic Health and Fitness Technician/Instructor Program!

Speakers are full-time faculty members teaching in the program at Pierce College.

**The Financial Aid Process: How to Apply, What to Expect and How to Interpret Your Offer of Financial Aid (2CP) [SESSIONS 1-3 ONLY:](#)**

***Barbara Zettel, Pacific Lutheran University***

The Financial Aid Process can be very confusing! This session will help you learn how to apply for financial aid and be prepared for what comes next. We will go over the FAFSA, (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), explain the types of financial aid you may be offered from colleges, and finally guide you through the process of understanding what it all means.

**Financial Aid, How to Get Help Paying for College (2CP) [SESSIONS 4-5 ONLY:](#)**

***Cree Bradford, University of Puget Sound***

College costs more than ever right now! This session will go over the available options that you can look into for help financing the cost of your education. We will go over the FAFSA, (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) which is the main application you will use when applying for financial aid at the college you end up attending.

**Health Care Careers in the Field of Medical Imaging (1T) [SESSIONS 3-5 ONLY:](#)**

***Christopher Eagle and Gregg Dunlap, MultiCare Medical Imaging***

Explanation of Medical Imaging and what this encompasses - to include CT, MRI, Ultrasound, X-ray, Nuclear Medicine. Actual images will be shown which will outline the differences between how we can image the body, showcasing today's technology.

**How to Pass the Employment Background Check (4CP) [SESSIONS 1-4 ONLY:](#)**

***Celeste Green and Dion Asberry, Group Health***

Information on how to pass an employment background check and examples of incidents that will prevent you from passing, including incidents that might have happened while you are in High School.

**Medical Laboratory Professions -- The Focal Point for Patient Diagnosis and Treatment (2T) [SESSIONS 1-2 & 4-5 ONLY:](#)**

***Teri Emerson, Franciscan Health System***

Discussion of types of employment available in the field of laboratory medicine, including education requirements and opportunities for advancement.

**Nurse Practitioner (1N) SESSIONS 1-3 ONLY:**

***Julie Benson, Tacoma Community College***

A nurse practitioner (NP) is a registered nurse (RN) who has completed advanced education (a minimum of a Master's Degree) and training in the diagnosis and management of common medical conditions, including chronic illness. Nurse practitioners provide a broad range of health care services and work with a variety of populations. Come learn what it takes to become a NP, what duties they perform, types of settings they work in and see if this is the right career choice for you.

**Nurse-Midwifery as a Profession (3N) SESSION 1 ONLY:**

***Sandi Gerling, Group Health Cooperative***

Explore the profession of Nurse-Midwifery, the pathway to becoming a Certified Nurse-Midwife, and self-assessment to determine whether this is for you.

**Nurse-Midwifery (3N) SESSIONS 2-5 ONLY:**

***Greta Thibodeau and Sylvia Wood (preceptor), Pacific Lutheran University***

What it is to be a nurse-midwife and what it takes to get there.

**Nursing Career Ladder (2N) SESSIONS 1-5:**

***Mary Kay Wilson, RN Clinical Recruiter, MultiCare***

Explore the nursing career ladder from CNA to Masters Degree Nurse. Hear first-hand from a nurse who followed the career ladder from CNA, to LPN, to ADN to BSN to Masters Degree.

**Pediatric Emergency Medicine (4N) SESSIONS 1-5:**

***Roy Knott, MMC***

Pediatric Emergency Medicine, fun for the whole family; facts/methods for having a medical career.

**Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitative Care (5N) SESSIONS 1-4 ONLY:**

***Pete Donor, Tacoma Lutheran Retirement Community***

After an accident, stroke, illness or hospital stay, continuing health care is often required. Long term care facilities provide a wide array of health services, including skilled Nursing, Social Workers, Dieticians, Activities; and rehabilitative services such as Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, IV Therapy and Diagnostics. A very satisfying health career can be found helping people as they overcome physical and cognitive challenges in a residential setting.

**So You Want to go to Medical School...(5CP) SESSIONS 1-5:**

***Brian Berke, Madigan Army Medical Center - Department of Developmental Behavioral Pediatrics***

I will focus my lecture about what it takes to get into medical school in terms of premed requirements, taking the Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT), year by year overview of the curriculum of medical school, then a discussion about options after medical school (i.e. residency programs). Finally I will discuss what I love about my career path in as a medical doctor.

**Speech Language Pathology (1R) SESSIONS 1-5:**

***Gail Rothwell and Erin Anderson, Tacoma School District***

Learn about the positions of speech-language pathologist and audiologist. These are two rewarding helping professions. See a DVD about practicing speech-language pathologists and audiologist. Learn about their roles, working environments and educational requirements. These are fields with available positions.

**Steps to Finding a Career (3CP) SESSIONS 1-4 ONLY:**

*Carrie Van Beek, Clover Park Technical College*

How to pick a career; steps students should take to help them choose a career.

**The Role of the Hemodialysis Technician (4T) SESSIONS 1-5:**

*Kenneth Markovits, CCNT and Kristan McCain, CCHT, Clover Park Technical College*

During hemodialysis, the blood is removed from the patient's body, cycled through an artificial kidney, and then the blood is returned to the patient. Hemodialysis technicians work together with nurses to provide direct patient care to patients undergoing chronic hemodialysis treatment due to renal failure. The hemodialysis technician also initiates treatment, monitors patient status and vital signs, obtains blood samples, and documents cares provided. The technician is responsible for equipment management, including programming, cleaning and monitoring the hemodialysis machines.

**Two Year Community and Technical Colleges (6CP) SESSIONS 1-5:**

*Dion Teague, Bates Technical College*

Workshop on educational opportunities at Washington State's Community and Technical College (CTC's). Discussion on transfer agreements between CTC's and the 4 year colleges and universities; advantages of starting post high school education at the CTC's; open enrollment; and Vocational and Technical training opportunities in the health care industries.

**Veterinary Technology (5T) SESSIONS 1-5:** *Mary Gintz, Pierce College Veterinary Technology Program*

An overview of veterinary technology as a career including educational training, licensing requirements, job opportunities, and typical job duties in a veterinary practice.