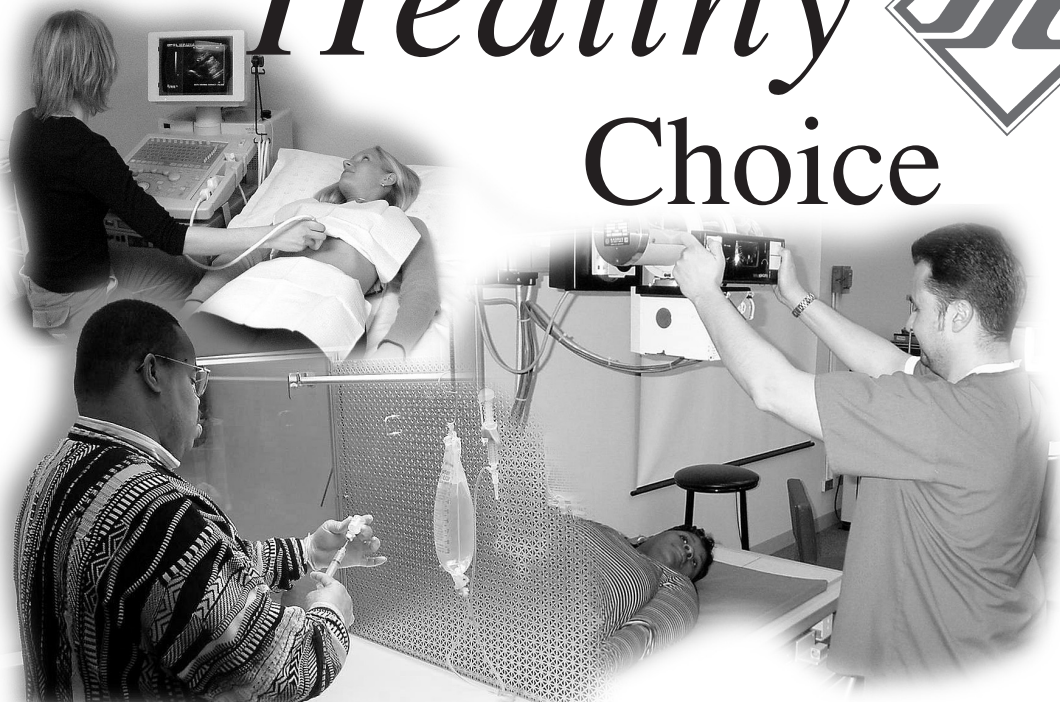


A Healthy Choice



SSC's Allied Health Programs prepare students for careers in a high-demand market.

While many college graduates struggle to find employment in today's competitive job market, the health services job market is exploding. Employment in healthcare is projected to increase 26% through 2008. The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that health services employment will increase to 13,600,000—that's 2,800,000 new jobs.

Many prospective students don't realize that the majority of jobs in health services require less than 4 years of college education. South Suburban College is a community college that provides several comprehensive healthcare programs that meet the demand for highly-trained healthcare servers. Through SSC's Allied Health programs, students can earn an Associate degree or certification in medical assistance, occupational therapy, pharmacy tech, phlebotomy, radiologic technology, diagnostic medical sonography, magnetic resonance imaging, and mammography.

Medical Assistant

The Medical Assistant program is a certificate program that provides students with the training necessary to assist in patient-care management, including both administrative and clinical duties. Medical assistants can be employed in physician offices, clinics, dental offices, foundations, research institutes, prisons, the armed services, public health departments, Medicare agencies and HMOs.

Occupational Therapy Assistant

SSC's Occupational Therapy Assistant program prepares individuals to work in a health profession that helps people of all ages prevent, lessen and overcome disabilities. Graduates of this program will be able to take the national certification examination for the occupational therapy assistant administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT). After successful completion of this exam, the individual will be a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA).

Pharmacy Technician

Technicians assisting pharmacists in the preparation and dispensing of medications are trained through this program. Training in aseptic IV preparation, medication order processing, inventories, packaging, compounding, use of a prescription balance, and computers is included in the curriculum. Pharmacy technicians work in a variety of settings such as hospitals, retail, long-term care facilities, home healthcare agencies, clinic pharmacies, mail order pharmacies and drug wholesalers.

"SSC has one of the most comprehensive Allied Health programs in the state. We are truly unique in that we have such a large contingency of course offerings, providing our students with many opportunities."

Diane Ostojic,

Associate Vice President of Instruction

Phlebotomy

This program is designed to provide students with information about the healthcare delivery system, collection of materials and equipment, venipuncture and capillary puncture techniques, specimen transport and processing techniques, quality assurance and safety techniques, basic concepts of communications, and medical and legal implications of blood collection. The phlebotomist generally works in a clinical laboratory under the supervision of a clinical laboratory technologist.

Radiologic Technology

The mission of the Radiologic Technology program is to prepare students to become entry-level radiographers. The program teaches men and women to function effectively in this high-tech field. Course instruction includes both theoretical and practical applications as well as educational experiences in hospitals assigned by the program coordinator.

Diagnostic Medical Sonography

This program prepares students to become entry-level sonographers. It is structured to provide intellectual stimulation and learning in the didactic and clinical settings.

Sonographers are well-trained professionals that provide client services under the supervision of a doctor of medicine or osteopathy. The sonographer may provide this service in a variety of settings where the physician is responsible for the use and interpretation of sonographic procedures.

Magnetic Resonance Imaging

SSC's Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) program trains students to become highly-skilled professionals who use specialized equipment to create images of structures inside the human body that are used by physicians to make a medical diagnosis. The clinical portion consists of an orientation to the clinical aspects of MRI, demonstration of the use of the equipment, and an opportunity to participate under close supervision in actual MRI procedures.

Mammography

The Mammography program also provides didactic classroom and clinical instruction. The clinical portion of the program consists of an orientation to the clinical aspects of mammography, demonstration of the use of equipment, and an opportunity to participate under close supervision in actual mammographic procedures. The mammographer works closely with patients to provide instruction and ensure quality care while performing specialized breast imaging studies.

Careers with a future

America's demographics are helping change medical care delivery. The average age of the American population will continue to increase through the year 2008 with the largest projected increases occurring in the 40-59 and 80 and over age groups. The potential for job opportunities are endless considering there are over 460,000 healthcare establishments nationwide.

For More Information

In addition to Allied Health, SSC offers a comprehensive Nursing program. For more information contact Diane Ostojic, Associate Vice President of Instruction, at (708) 596-2000, ext. 5716.