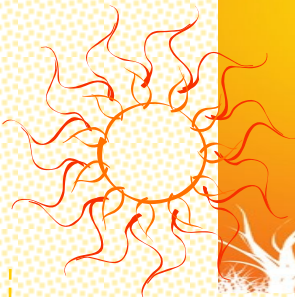


Allied Health Newsletter



Message from the Director

The Professional Issues in Allied Health course (AHLT440) has received the **Quality Matters Certification** for achieving excellence as an online class. You can read more about this on page 3 of this newsletter.

I hope that this semester is going well for you and that you are making good progress toward graduation. In December 2010 we had 11 graduates from the Allied Health program, with another 11 on track to graduate in May. We will host a **Graduate Reception on Thursday May 26** from 5-7pm in the Cook Library (Room 507) to honor our December and May graduates.

At this event the Allied Health Program Awards will be presented to outstanding students.

You can now find Towson's Allied Health Program on **Facebook!** (www.facebook.com/AlliedHealthProgramTowson) With the assistance of two marketing students, Danielle Peterson and Sierra Robinson, we are enhancing our web presence with social media.

You will soon see some revisions to the **program web page** (www.towson.edu/alliedhealth) as well. We have a 'Current Students' tab where you can find links to the student handbook, the course of study

worksheets (so you can track your classes) and links to other important student information. If you have suggestions for improving the web site, be sure to let me know.

We are applying for **CEU credit for our Respiratory Courses** from the American Association for Respiratory Care. If you are a Respiratory Therapist or know any RTs, please invite them to sample our Respiratory Therapy courses and earn CRCE contact hours.

This summer we are offering a 7-week fully online Pharmacology and Therapeutics class (AHLT 413).

As the program grows, we also look forward to educating more students. If you have colleagues or friends interested in becoming an Allied Health

student, the deadline for application is May 1, 2011.

Please encourage them to contact me: nbraunstein@towson.edu or call 410-704-4049. Enthusiastically yours, **Dr. Braunstein**

In this issue, we...

- ☀ List available course offerings for Summer and Fall 2011
- ☀ Shine a spotlight story on one of our successful graduates
- ☀ Give up-to-date news and events within our college
- ☀ Introduce the Allied Health Facebook page



Advising Open House

Tuesday, April 5th
2011
4:00-6:30 pm

Meet with some of your fellow classmates and your advisor about Summer and Fall classes!

Refreshments will be served

Undergraduates need to meet with their advisors in order for their advising holds to be lifted for class registration.

☀ Important Dates to Remember ☀

- ☀ March 20-27: Spring Break
- ☀ April 5: Advising Open House
- ☀ April 11: Last day to withdraw from a spring semester course with a grade of "W"
- ☀ May 17: Last Day of Classes Spring Semester
- ☀ May 18: Final examinations begin
- ☀ May 26: Allied Health Program Graduation Reception
- ☀ May 27: College of Health Profession Graduation Ceremony



☀️ Courses for Summer and Fall 2011 ☀️

☀️ Unless noted, all courses are online ☀️

Summer:

AHLT 370 Special Topics: Capstone in Allied Health (7 weeks online)- for students graduating in summer or fall 2011
 AHLT 370 Stress Management for the Allied Health Professional (10 weeks hybrid)
 AHLT 413 Pharmacology and Therapeutics for Respiratory Care (7 weeks online)
 AHLT 495 Independent Study
 HCMN 415 Financing and Organization of Health Care Services in the US (7 weeks - on campus only)
 HCMN 441 Legal and Ethical Issues in Health Administration (10 weeks hybrid)
 HLTH 207 Healthcare in the US (5 weeks – on campus only)

Fall:

AHLT310 Management for the Allied Health Professional
 AHLT 315 Financial Management for Allied Health Professionals
 AHLT 320 Understanding Evidence Based Practice
 AHLT445 Research Methods in Allied Health
 HLTH 207 Healthcare in the US (*online and on campus*)
 NURS416 Multicultural Healthcare (*online and on campus*)
 PHIL361 Biomedical Ethics (*on campus only*)



Check your Peoplesoft Account for YOUR registration date and time. Remember, you need to meet with your advisor to lift your advising hold.

☀️ Graduate Spotlight: Tina Wright ☀️



By: Shekinah Lecator

Tina Wright has managed to master balancing a family, career and school. In addition, Tina received the Allied Health Program's Award of Excellence in 2010.

As a 2010 graduate of the Allied Health Program, she works full time as a Respiratory Therapist at the University of Maryland Medical Center. Tina feels like she has gained enough knowledge to be in a leadership role in her field, because of Towson's 'well rounded program'. She added that the program's set up, which allowed her to take both respiratory

and management classes, gave her a balance perspective from both sides of the field, making her a more marketable employee.

Tina added that the online courses were incredibly helpful, since she was working full time as well as being a wife and mother. The structure of the courses, especially the discussions with classmates and the professors was perfect for her situation, and helped a lot with the learning process. She loved that the coursework itself was relevant to the job she held at the time as well as future career pathways that she is now qualified

to work towards.

Tina is now looking into master's programs as well as considering different management positions. Mrs. Wright says that though she has gained a lot of knowledge from Towson's Allied Health program, she feels like she still has a lot to learn in the respiratory therapy field. Her advice to current students is to "Stay motivated, be really time oriented, and don't let yourself get behind. Set up a schedule that works for you and stick to it. Keep the discussions going with your classmates, because they really help with the learning process."

Graduation

Reception

Cook Library

Room 507

May 26, 2011

5:30-7 PM

Do you know about the Career Center?

Many students don't know that Towson's Career Center services are free of charge for students. Some of the services that they offer include career counseling, career fairs and special events, Personal Life and Career Planning Course, Hire@TU job and internship database, job shadowing programs, resume tutorials, and more.

Even if you are currently employed, the Career Center staff and resources can help as you transition toward your post-baccalaureate career. You can schedule an appointment to meet with a career counselor, or you can log onto their website at www.towson.edu/careercenter/.



Towson's Career Center is a FREE valuable resource



Find us on
Facebook

“Like” us!



Allied Health has a **Facebook Page!**

Connecting with current and prospective students is essential to the Allied Health Program Faculty and Staff. Find our webpage on Facebook and **like us!** Follow our informational status updates for important dates and events to help ease your semester.



www.facebook.com/AlliedHealthProgramTowson

AHLT 440 receives **Quality Matters Certification**



The Allied Health Program requires an advanced composition course, AHLT 440 Technical & Professional Issues in Allied Health. This course is developed by Linda Caplis and was recently reviewed by a trained Quality Matters Peer Review Team.

In order to meet Quality Matters review expectations, a course must meet each of the 17 published essential standards (standards valued at 3-points), which are based on best evidence based practices in online education. In addition, the course must receive a minimum of 72 (out of 85) points.

We are happy to report you that the course is recognized as meeting Quality Matters review standards. The course will be promoted on the Quality Matters website shortly.

For more information about Quality Matters recognition, please visit: **www.qmprogram.org/MyQM**

Graduate Awards 2011

Award of Excellence:

Jamal Ashkar – December 2010 grad

Awards of Recognition:

Farah Alvi – Spring 2011 grad

Sumeet Davé – December 2010 grad

Jamie Tsambikos– December 2010 grad

☀Allied Health Students Participate in Research☀



Students enrolled in AHLT 409, Sleep and Rehab Services for Respiratory Care, had the opportunity to participate in a pilot research project involving adult students with Autism who may manifest symptoms of a sleep disorder.

Professor Burton is collaborating with Dr. Lisa Crabtree, Director of Towson’s Center for Adults with Autism, on the study.

The goal of the study is to document the sleep/wake patterns and bedtime habits of the participants to see if a clear pattern exists, and

to compare with a control group of students with the same demographics.

Based on the results, the students in AHLT 409 provided the participants with a brief report explaining the sleep patterns that were documented during the study.