



"25 Years of Educating and Serving the Healthcare Community"

Mission Accomplished - 25th Anniversary Graduating Class

It is celebration time for the 25th Anniversary Class of 2006 here at SLCHC. When our new graduates walk across the stage to accept their diplomas and degrees in front of friends and family, it will be with a sense of pride for a job well done - mission accomplished. Then, it will be on to the next step on their personal road to success. The graduation ceremony will be held at the Busch Student



Center of St. Louis University, on Saturday May 13th. According to Holly Lincoln, Graduation Committee Chairperson, 326 graduates will be recognized for their academic achievements. The first graduates from the **Associates Degree program in Massage Therapy** will receive their AOS (Associates of Occupational Science) degrees at the event. In addition, diplomas will be awarded to graduates of the **Licensed Practical Nurse, Pharmacy Technician, Massage Therapy, Patient Care Technician and Profes-**

sional Medical Coding and Billing programs. Certificates will be awarded to the graduates of the **Phlebotomy Technician** program.

Lincoln emphasizes the importance of celebrating the achievements of our graduates. "I think Graduation is like putting the bow on the package. It says 'You did it!' and 'You should be proud!'" she explains.

Kellie Scott, a MA honoree, will deliver the Commencement Address to her fellow graduates. There will also be awards for the Outstanding Student of the Year in each program and the Instructor of the Year will also be honored.

"I think Graduation marks an end to an 8-month or year-long journey for students who have worked very hard to reach this point," Lincoln states.

Practitioner Degree Sets New Standards

Another dynamic new program has joined the growing list of Associate Degrees available at SLCHC. Students may now earn their Associates of **Occupational Science Degree** as a **Medical Assistant Practitioner (MAP)**, a unique combination of skills from the Medical Assistant and the Massage Therapy programs.

Graduates of this **MAP** program will enjoy a great latitude in employment opportunities as a result of the combined skills from the two disciplines. "Our graduates from this new program will be multi-talented individuals with many choices in the job market," emphasizes Doug Brinker, SLCHC Director of Admissions.

"These graduates will be trained to work varied types of physician's offices. They could also work in hospitals, clinics, spas, and sports medicine and rehabilitation facilities," Brinker explains. "They can choose to use both their MA and MT skills or to use just one area of their training or even to become self-employed."

The **MAP** program consists of 60 weeks (four semesters) of study and training. It is designed to develop SLCHC students' proficiency and confidence in both the administrative and the clinical areas of medical assisting and therapeutic massage techniques. It is offered at both campuses and convenient for both day and evening students.

Students learn massage skills and the effects of massage therapy on the body. Through both lectures and hands-on training, students develop a comprehensive understanding of the structure and function of the body and of the benefits of massage therapy. They also learn administrative and professional skills that will make them a valuable asset to physicians.

Explore the **Medical Assistant Practitioner Program, contact Admissions at County: 636-529-0000 or Metro: 314-652-0300.**



Our Graduates Know Success

SLCHC graduates find many opportunities after their school experience. For **Massage Therapy** graduate Chris Favell, his clinical experience and classroom knowledge while earning his AOS degree prepared him for a bright future. He is currently employed at Massage Envy. He is also designing a Wellness Program he hopes to begin on the University of Missouri-St. Louis campus.

"I have been doing chair massages at the health department and the nursing school for about three months," he explains. "I am working to design a program to help alleviate the stress and pain of college life for both students and staff."

Favell says one of the best aspects of SLCHC is its' approach regarding how to connect with people. "SLCHC teaches how important it is to see people not as *what* they are but as *who* they are."

Two career possibilities opened for Alfreda Kane after she completed the **Patient Care Technician (PCT)** program. She says, "I was well prepared for my ex-

ternships in Phlebotomy and as a Nursing Assistant at Manor Grove."

Kane is employed as a Nursing Assistant but still hopes to find a job as a Phlebotomist. "I still hope to find a job with a hospital or with the Red Cross," she says.

Medical Assistant (MA) gradu-

ate Sarah Hoyt also found success at both her externship *and* her job at the Brennan Ob-Gyn office. "I felt very prepared for my job because of the knowledge I carried with me," she says.

"Everything was new in the field, but I had touched on it all at school which made it much easier," Hoyt concludes.

More Educational Opportunities With Lindenwood University

Not only do SLCHC graduates enjoy successful careers in the medical field, but they also can take advantage of opportunities to continue their education.

For some graduates, *a new agreement with Lindenwood University* allows completed credits from SLCHC programs

to transfer into a **Bachelor of Arts** or a **Bachelor of Science** degree program at Lindenwood. Also, for several recent **Pharmacy Technician** graduates, this means the possibility of continuing their studies to become registered pharmacists at local colleges of pharmacy.

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