



Fall 2007

Allied Health Department Overview

Exciting things continue to happen at the department! We gained approval to teach a new class entitled Human Illness and Trauma in 2008 and have a host of many other new classes in the development phase. Our leadership classes have started, and we now have over 100 students enrolled this fall! We are pleased that this program is fulfilling the need and look forward to providing more classes whenever requested.

We are still thinking about having a medical laboratory technician program available here at Cowley. If that interests you, please contact Slade Griffiths for more information.

Pratt-Cowley ADN Program at Winfield



Jonny Thompson and Tracy Reynolds have been hired as nursing instructors for the program. Both have years of experience, and we welcome them to their new teaching positions.

The program is in its third year and can accommodate sixty students a year. Students complete their classroom education in Winfield and clinical training at many locations in and around Wichita.

Pratt and Cowley are discussing the possibility of providing a bridge program for the MICT to RN. If interested in this type of education and training, please call Cindy Branscum or Joyce Holloway so that we can send additional information as it becomes available.

TEAS testing may be scheduled by calling the Allied Health office at 620.221.3392.

Long Term Adult Health Care Administrator

Opportunities as a licensed Adult Care Home Administrator have never been better. Cowley's program is one of the oldest and most popular in the state. Instruction fulfills standards set by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE).

We have gained KDHE approval to provide administrator continuing education classes that cover the 'administration' requirement for re-licensure. Licensed administrators throughout Kansas should really be happy with this development.

Contact Bruce Irwin or Slade Griffiths for more information about the program or continuing education.

CNA and Related Education

Janet Bogle is the new Director of Health Services for Cowley College. Effective Friday, September 21st, Health Services hours will be M-W-F 8 a.m. to noon and T-Th noon to 4 p.m.



Janet will continue her position as Nursing Coordinator and Instructor for CNA, CMA, HHA, and RA classes at the Allied Health Center in Winfield.

The Nursing/CNA lab received a little make over and now has four semi-private patient rooms which facilitate privacy and a better environment for students to learn and practice new skills related to healthcare. Students from Mulvane's evening CNA class came to use the lab on September 24th for a skills check off session. The new lab enabled students to demonstrate competencies in skills which included giving a bath, toileting, skin care, and several other skills all in one class period. The lab now has 8 positions for teams of two students to work. Students and instructors in both the Allied Health department and the Pratt Nursing Program appreciated the improvements made to the Lab.

The first CNA class held as a joint effort with Cowley College, Winfield High School, and Arkansas City High School is in session with students demonstrating learning about the healthcare profession. In November, seven students will complete the CNA course and begin the Home Health Aid class which will end in November. Thanks to the Snyder Foundation who gave these students grants and to the Allied Health Department who provided books, these students had minimal out of pocket expense. Through this endeavor, students will receive 6 college credits.

We are currently seeking two CNA/CMA adjunct instructors to teach classes. Rejoining our teaching team this semester is Sharon Logan who taught CNA classes in 2006.

Medical Office

Our medical office programs have gotten off to a successful start--we currently have over forty students in these classes. If you're interested in a healthcare job where you have limited or no patient exposure, please contact Tiffany Sowa, lead medical office instructor.

Pre-Sports Medicine



Jeff Fluty, Athletic Trainer, and his Pre-Sports Medicine AS degree program recently moved to the Allied Health Department.

Athletic trainers are a key component of the health care team, focusing on injury prevention, assessment, treatment and rehabilitation.

Certified athletic trainers hold at least a bachelor's degree. Cowley College's program offers pre-requisite courses for the student who plans to transfer to a four-year school to earn an athletic training degree. Cowley trainers receive a good foundation and enjoy the hands on experience they get.

EMS Education

Overview

Things are going very well in the division. This summer we had a successful accreditation site visit and were told that our program is one of the best or the best in the nation for a community this size. We also would like to thank all the wonderful and caring clinical sites that helped our students learn this summer. We also would like to make special mention of Kansas Medical Center in Andover who provided clinical training for the first time – we truly enjoyed their staff, facility and desire to help our students. Congratulations also go out to Andy Lowe, MICT graduate, who became the service director at Halstead EMS.

Cindy Branscum, lead MICT instructor, and Terri Griffiths, adjunct instructor, recently completed SimMan training in Texas for the amazing life-like manikin purchased for the department. A special thank you to Sarah Leftwich for making this purchase possible. Stop in and see it...it's incredible!

Cowley Paramedic 2006-2007 Evening Class

Graduation for 13 students in Cowley College's Mobile Intensive Care Technician (paramedic) program was held Friday, July 20, in Cowley's Earle N. Wright Community Room on the main campus in Arkansas City. The program, which finished in late June, completed the AAS degree requirements for these graduates.

The following are the graduating members of the evening class of 2006-07: Binh Chung, Wichita; Sarah Denny, Ponca City; Alison Floyd, Wichita; Paul Hunter, Arkansas City; Ryan Kilby, Winfield; Ben King, Arkansas City; John Lies, Andover; Matt Manning, Wichita; Byron McNary, Wichita; James Mitchell, Wichita; Jenniffer Reeves, Wichita; and Pamula Utter, Wichita.



The evening began when Slade Griffiths, Allied Health Department Chair, issued the welcome and discussed the education the graduates received while in Cowley's program. Griffiths discussed that this was the eleventh MICT program taught at the college though it was the first longer evening class provided at Cowley.

"Like the past daytime programs, we all became close like a family – many of us may have even experienced some separation anxiety when it was over," said Griffiths.

He also praised all of the people involved with the program and singled out Chris Cannon, Lead MICT Instructor, for his outstanding performance and leadership. Dr. Roy Danks, Cowley Associate Medical Advisor then spoke to the graduates.

Dr. Patrick McAtee, Cowley President, and Cannon conferred the certificates and presented the class of 2006-07 to the gathering of about 150 people who came to honor the graduates. McAtee thanked the graduates for selecting EMS as a career and for choosing Cowley College for their education. "We are all very thankful and proud of every one of you," said McAtee.

Following tradition, the graduates purchased a gift for the school – an ambulance. They found a very new ambulance that had significant front-end damage and were able to remove the box and place it on a trailer. Cannon thanked the graduates and said, "Other students will benefit from your gift and we greatly appreciate this."

During the course of their schooling, the graduates assessed 5,000 patients and administered over 3,000 medications during the year. With this eleventh graduating class, Cowley MICT graduates now treat approximately 80,000 patients each year. The national job outlook continues to be greater than average, and the local job outlook looks promising. All graduates have found employment in the EMS field.

Cowley currently has a daytime MICT program in Winfield and will start both day and evening programs in January 2008.

Cowley Paramedic 2007 Day Class

The paramedic students are now in Field Internship and learning to apply the knowledge and skills they have worked to attain throughout the year. Between two internship sites, Butler County EMS and Sedgwick County EMS, you can be assured that there is at least one Cowley student working on an ambulance at any time of any day throughout the field internship time frame.

The students have all successfully completed, and been certified in PALS, PEPP, NRP, ACLS, and PHTLS. The final certification will come with the National Registry test they will challenge later this year.



EMS Leadership Program

Success.

With 108 students enrolled in the first five courses ever offered in the Cowley Leadership program, success keeps getting mentioned whenever this program is discussed. The initial goal for the first semester of the program was to have 40 students enrolled in the program. By exceeding this initial goal by over 250%, the true need for this program has become apparent. We are thankful to all of the students who have enrolled, and we are pleased to continue to offer this program in a convenient, online format.

Slade Griffiths and Chris Cannon taught the five initial leadership courses during the 2007 fall semester. Slade is the Department Chair of Allied Health and Director of EMS Education for Cowley College, and Chris is the Lead MICT Instructor for Cowley's 18 month MICT program. Slade taught Educational Practice and Theory for the Leader, and Chris taught Introduction to Leadership, Financial Management, and two sections of Organizational Leadership.

Starting in the spring, there will be several new instructors teaching for the Leadership Program. Sheree Utash, PhD(c), is the Vice President of Academics at Cowley College, and is teaching Leading Change and The Leadership Challenge. Sheree is currently completing her PhD in Community College Leadership. Steve Irwin, MS, is a Health Program Analyst with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and was formerly the service director for a large urban EMS service. Steve is teaching Leadership Mentoring and Strategic leadership. Randy Kuykendall, MLS, NREMT-P, is the Chief of the Emergency Medical and Trauma Services Sections with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, and is the Chair of the CoAEMSP Board of Directors. Randy is teaching Principles of EMS systems. Bill Foster, MS, has also joined the Cowley Leadership Program faculty. Bill is a Senior Master Sergeant with the Kansas Air National Guard and will teach Leading without Power in the summer semester.

The following online classes will all be offered in the spring semester in convenient 8-week long sessions:

Course Number	Title	Instructor
EMS 5669	Principles of EMS Systems	Randy Kuykendall
LED 1454	Leadership Mentoring	Steve Irwin
LED 1457	Leading Change	Sheree Utash
LED 1455	Strategic Leadership	Steve Irwin
LED 1458	The Leadership Challenge	Sheree Utash
LED 1448	Intro to Leadership	Chris Cannon

If you have any questions or would like to enroll in a successful program, please contact Chris Cannon.

Online Education Courses

Online education is a major part of this department – in fact, more departmental classes are taught online than any other one campus location! We would not provide online education if we did not feel it was an effective method of instruction.

If you have thought about an online class in the past but have just never gotten around to trying it, we suggest you give it a chance. Most students find that it is as effective as a face-to-face class (and research certainly supports it), fun and much more convenient to many with the busy schedules we all have. If you're not ready for the big jump to full online classes, we have created online hybrid classes where students attend class less frequently at one of our many campuses and also have online sessions.

The choice is yours to make – we are here to help you achieve your educational dreams and goals. We have also enclosed a list of our online classes for the department – give them a look – we'll hopefully see you online. Also, the college has a great number of other fine eLearning classes – take a look at them at our website, www.cowley.edu/ecowley, because we're almost certain that you'll find something that interests you.

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