New programs offer students more high-demand career opportunities

Spencerian College takes pride in offering a broad range of programs that prepare its students for their career success. New programs are developed when it’s perceived that the community has needs that our graduates can fill. Three new programs are now being offered by Spencerian College: Respiratory Therapist AAS, Personal Trainer diploma, and Patient Care Assistant certificate.

Respiratory Therapy

Spencerian’s new AAS Respiratory Therapy program began in the Summer 2010 quarter. Ten new students enrolled, and they are now in their second quarter of training. The program admits new applicants twice a year: June and in January. This is a two-year evening-only program giving students, who work during the day, an opportunity to further their education.

Although Respiratory Therapists work primarily in a hospital setting, specialty areas can include pulmonary function testing, asthma education, sleep lab, pulmonary rehabilitation, land/air transport, homecare, and long-term care facilities.

Spencerian’s new AAS Respiratory Therapy (RRT) examination. Eligible to sit for the national certification examination offered by the National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC). Upon passing the Certified Respiratory Therapist examination, graduates will be eligible to sit for the Registered Respiratory Therapy (RRT) examination.

Patient Care Assistant

The Patient Care Assistant certificate program is new to Spencerian College. This short-term certificate program can be completed in six months during the day, or in just nine months during the evening. It gives students a strong foundation in healthcare that will advance a student’s career. The student has training in today’s high demand areas of mental health, home health, and restorative health.

Upon successful completion of the program, graduates are eligible to sit for the State Registered Nurse Aide (SRNA) certification. Workforce Kentucky projects this as a “very fast growing” area of employment.

Housing students enjoy “the good life” in new Residence Hall

Left to right, students Britney Maston, Charity Miller, Nathan Godsey, Lauren Edwards, Brettie Stice, Cheryl Washington, Julia Nussbaum, and Jasmin Ball.

Cheryl Washington shared, “I love student housing. It’s wonderful, exciting and a great place that offers lots of fun things to participate in. It’s a great opportunity if you get the chance to live in Spencerian’s student housing.”

Read more about the Gardiner Point Residence Hall on page 2.

Walk for a cure

Spencerian College participated in the Louisville Lung Walk at the Waterfront Park. Led by Team Captain Shannon Terry, Director of Respiratory Therapy, faculty, staff and students raised almost $500 to improve the quality of life for those who struggle to breathe. This year the event organizer, the American Lung Association (ALA), renamed the previous event name of “Asthma Walk” to “Lung Walk” to include diseases like Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) and lung cancer. Money raised through the Lung Walk will help support the ALA’s lung disease education, advocacy and research efforts.

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