Perfect marks awarded to Spencerian’s programs

Spencerian College, Louisville, is pleased to announce that the Medical Laboratory Technology (MLT) associate degree program was in 100% compliance with standards set by the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABHES). The program, approved in 2004, has maintained the standards set forth by ABHES since inception. Students graduating from the MLT program are eligible to sit for the American Medical Technologist certification examination. Currently Spencerian College’s MLT graduates have a 98% pass rate on the certification examination; the MLT program was granted accreditation approval through 2018.

But that’s not all

Spencerian’s Medical Assistant program received 100% on a team site visit for CAAHEP renewed accreditation. The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) accredits medical assistant programs, based on the recommendation of the Medical Assistant Education Review Board (MAERB), a division of the American Association of Medical Assistants (AAMA). The Medical Assistant program is a stand-alone diploma program, and it also forms the core of Spencerian’s Medical Administrative Management and Medical Clinical Specialties associate degree programs. The site visitors recommended Spencerian for the full 10-year accreditation. The team visited several strengths of the program: administrative support, budgetary support, very knowledgeable and effective program director, a very well-organized program, a very positive student body, overall positive atmosphere of the college and an excellent facility.

Spencerian offers the Medical Assistant program on campus; it’s also the first AAMA approved blended MA program.

Congratulations to Lori Warren, Tina Lewis, and all faculty and staff!

Spencerian students are changing their lives through education

From pipefitting to surgical lab

Bryan Chapman was a warehouse worker at the Jim Beam distillery in Clermont, Kentucky, and served as union president there for two years. However, he had always had a love for the medical field and wanted to help people. His stepmother is a nurse, who was working at the time in Spencerian’s nursing program, and she encouraged him to make a career change and to come to Spencerian’s excellent nursing program. He applied, and now Bryan has completed the Practical Nursing program, and along with his brother Shaun, is a student in Spencerian’s Associate Degree in Nursing (AAS) program.

Bryan likes the “knowledgeable teachers” he’s had in both programs, and he feels that the faculty is one of the strengths of the Spencerian nursing program. Ultimately Bryan wants to be a nurse practitioner; so he’s prepared to take additional education after his AAS Nursing degree.

Career changer

What is it like to be a mature student after working and raising your children? Bryan said he’s more focused, more goal-oriented, and he doesn’t take any of his schooling for granted. He says that he’d advise anyone else to “put life on hold for two years, and put all fun on the back burner” while achieving one’s educational goals. He says that getting through the nursing program is not easy, but it’s well worth it. Bryan’s advice to others is: “Don’t put it off. Chase your dreams or they’ll never come true.”

Shaun Chapman also worked at the Jim Beam plant in Clermont as a boiler operator. Two things happened that made him think about changing careers. One was a motorcycle wreck in September, 2007; after his return to work he was laid off for six months due to the downturn in the economy.

Spending change of field

Shaun started thinking about job security. He’d had no interest in school during high school, and he had no plans to return to school - but reluctantly, he enrolled in the Practical Nursing program during the evenings. To his surprise, he found he really liked it. He said that, because he was now in school because he wanted to be, he was much more motivated to learn. He stated that Spencerian has “a lot of good faculty who make you learn. They don’t just push you through it. I’ve learned a lot and still am learning.”

After recently graduating from the Practical Nursing program, he enrolled in the AAS Nursing program. Now he’s in the same class with his brother, Bryan, who also finished the 12-month day Practical Nursing program. His long range goal, like his brother’s, is to be a nurse practitioner. Shaun’s advice to anyone who maybe considering returning to school is: “Don’t hesitate, do it!”

Thanks to enrolling at Spencerian, the Chapmans have bright futures!