



Shoreline Community College

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Medical Laboratory Technology Program Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2013, 4-5pm, Rm 2327

Present: Dorothy Canavan, Tina Carpenter, Jackie Degler, Kristin Engstrom, Kelly Johnson, Ann McGrew, James Nakasome, Mary Rickel, Molly Morse, Sue Seegers, Fikru Diro, and Gillian Lewis.

Absent: Christopher Edwards, Laurance Ferreri, Shelley Lankford, Gail Williams, Linda Breiwick and Ann Garnsey-Harter.

Mary Rickel opened the meeting at 4pm, and welcomed members. Mary asked members to review minutes to the June 3rd meeting. The minutes were approved as amended.

Mary Rickel teaches in the Shoreline CC – Phlebotomy Program. She opened a discussion on recent challenges in getting students certified as MA-Phlebotomists through WA ST DOH. She noted that none of the phlebotomy students completing the program in Summer quarter 2013 have received certification. Sue Seegers mentioned the issue with DOH not accepting the Certificate, and not liking the placement of the “Phlebotomy Certificate of Completion” on the official transcripts. Sue mentioned that she has worked with Chris Melton in enrollment services for revision of the “degree awarded” placement on the transcript, and student’s request for transcripts to DOH will initiate a letter to accompany transcripts. Anne mentioned that renew was taking over two weeks. Dorothy had attended the Washington Clinical Laboratory conference and reported that one presentation was on the WA ST Medical Assistant Law. She noted that the concern expressed by laboratory professionals was that the program was not compliant with CLIA regulations.

Molly mentioned that she has sent letters to DOH verifying that previous MLT graduates met this requirement and that phlebotomy (not venipuncture) in course descriptions were accepted. Sue and Molly are planning for action to take with graduating MLT students,

Sue Seegers explained that the Phlebotomy Program was starting a new application process. In the past, the applications were accepted on one day, and students would arrive very early, and the first 10 applications were received and other applicants were asked to be on a waitlist. Changes in the process are the applications will be accepted for a 5 day period, and can be mailed or hand delivered. All applicants would be screened for criminal history check, and prerequisite documentation. Then applications passing to this stage would be randomly assigned numbers in a lottery process. The first 10 students would be admitted for Spr/Su 2014, and then next cohort of 10 students would be offered appointment to the Fa2014/Wtr 2015 class. The new application process is posted on the Phlebotomy Program webpage, and discussed in Phlebotomy Program Information meetings Fall 2013.

Mary announced that there were 10 students in the current Phlebotomy Program. She would be making clinical assignments in the next month.

Sue Seegers presented the summary of the **2011-2012 MLT Graduate Survey**. Ten of eighteen students (56%) returned the survey which was through Survey Monkey.

- Graduates worked in hospital, reference and outreach laboratories
- Graduates worked in all areas of the laboratory (Hem, Chem, Micro, Blood Bank, UA, Coag and Processing)
- 100% had taken the MLT (ASCP) certification examination
- Salary range was from \$18-23/hrs with over 40% making \$20/hr
- Three students were not currently working. One was in graduate school, one had just quite a job and a third was seeking employment.

Molly reported that 92.59% of Shoreline MLT graduates taking the MLT (ASCP) exam in 2012 passed on the first attempt. This would include some students finishing fall practicum courses in 2011 and students graduating in Su/Fa 2012. The national pass rate for first time takers was 77.42%. Twenty seven students attempted the certification exam and 25 passed on the first attempt.

Molly Morse reported on the **2013-2014 MLT class** in their first quarter.

- 20 full time students and 2 part time student (1 student dropped)
- 12 females and 10 males
- 7 AAAS pathway / 15 Certificate of Proficiency (Assoc. or Bachelor's Degree already)

Sue Seegers talked about the Orchard reinstallation for the LIS in the MLT Lab. Molly and Sue went through a week's training to load test menus. Mary Rickel has created LIS menu items for the Phlebotomy Laboratory Basics course. We are able to design test list that we use and correspond to units of study. Students have quickly caught on to ordering, entering and retrieving test information.

Jackie Delger said that she attended the Shoreline Foundation "Student Success Campaign Community Breakfast" on November 6th. The breakfast which started at 7am was great, and the student speakers were inspirational. Students had received scholarships and shared their experience with the audience. The event is held each year, and was well attended. Molly mentioned that donations could be made online to the Shoreline CC Foundation, and said that donations could be directed to the "Linda Brewick MLT Program Scholarship." Linda was not able to attend, but wanted the committee to know that she anticipates that one \$1000 scholarship would be awarded next spring. Linda was pleased to report that two MLT Program Scholarships were awarded to student Spring 2013.

Shoreline CC Foundation: <http://www.shoreline.edu/foundation/default.aspx>

Gillian Lewis asked what was new in laboratory medicine in the community. Were there any new laboratories or mergers? Some trends noted were hospitals being given incentives to move to EMR systems, and increased Point of Care Testing.

Gillian reported that the college was in the negotiation and planning beginning stage for a new health sciences building to house Dental Hygiene, MLT plus Biology and Chemistry.

With no other business or discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5pm.

Action items:

1. James Nakasome and Tina Carpenter expressed interest in a tour of the MLT Lab. Next MLT Advisory Committee meeting, we will give a tour of the MLT Lab and the Phlebotomy Skills lab.
2. No next meeting was scheduled, and will be scheduled for April or May 2014.

MLT Program: <http://www.shoreline.edu/medlabtech/default.aspx>

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