

Allied Health Fall Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Host: Renee Freese

Wednesday, November 13, 2024

Attendees

Kimberly Bishop- A.H. Clerk

Dana Copland- A.H. Faculty

Donna Krieser- Counseling/Advising

Stephanie Guinn- Surgical Technology Instructor

Michael Dalessandri- Summit Educator

Betsy Wilson- Development Director

Mathew Moore- Medical Assistant Faculty

Jennifer Kruse- Summit Healthcare Professional Development

Adria Rados-MomDoc Extern Coordinator

Lizi Bierer- Premier Mountain Healthcare

Rachel Arroyo-Townsend- Business Faculty

Candy Canter- Medical Assistant Faculty

Jessica Reeck- Faculty in College and Career Preparation

Elizabeth Flake- NAU Assistant Director

Jeremy Raiser- Dean of Career and Tech Ed

Cassidy Johnson- A.H. Faculty

Marcus Johnson- Whiteriver Surgery

Gabriela Bell- TMP Instructor

Rachelle Abbott- A.H Adjunct

Meeting summary

The meeting discussed various updates and developments in the medical assisting program, including certification exams, clinical hours, potential new programs, and concerns about patient documentation.

- The medical assisting program has grown and hired additional staff to accommodate the increasing number of courses and students.
- Students can obtain clinical certifications in clinical assistant and phlebotomy technician before completing their associate's degree in medical assisting.
- Students who are completing their externship in the summer can still participate in the commencement ceremony in May if they meet with an advisor before February 15th.
- Medical assistant program provides extensive training in specialty exam preparation, anatomy, medical terminology, and more.
- Students are encouraged to take scribe classes during the summer to gain experience for externships and job applications.
- Pass rates for medical assistant certification exams at MPC are currently at 100%, while phlebotomy pass rates have declined due to non-NPC students taking the exam.
- Students have the option to do their clinical hours at Summit or other hospitals if there is a contract in place.
- Certification for the phlebotomy technician program requires students to be 18 years old or have a GED/diploma.
- There is interest in starting a medical lab aide technology program, and Eastern Arizona has a well-designed program.
- The surgical technician program is growing, with applications coming in from out of state.
- The organization is concerned about patient documentation and is taking it seriously.
- They are seeking feedback and suggestions for improvement from their partners.
- There is discussion about the requirements for TV testing and flu vaccines for students on site.
- The massage program is available through the website and has been supported by Dr. Moore, a chiropractor.
- The upcoming spring advisory meeting will be held in person, with more information to come.

Action items

- Send out an email to everyone with Kim Bishopp's contact information
- Provide information to students about walking at commencement if they are doing their externship in the summer
- Encourage students to meet with an advisor before February 15th if they want to walk at commencement in the spring
- Obtain the number of students who have declared the MDA program
- Determine how to handle the larger group of students at Show Low next year
- Find a testing proctor for non-NPC students taking the NCCT exam
- Coordinate with Jen Cruise to provide information on students interested in doing their externship at Summit
- Obtain students' email addresses for background checks at the hospital
- Start preparing packets early for White River medical assistant clinics
- Ensure students have proof of COVID vaccination or a declination form for externships at Summit
- Michael Dalessandri will bring up the possibility of starting a medical lab aide technology program to the lab director and manager at Summit.
- Renee Freese will consider moving the microbiology for healthcare professions course to be taught alongside the surgical technique and instrumentation class.
- Michael Dalessandri will inquire about the business classes needed for the medical lab aide technology degree.
- Clarify the requirements for TV testing and whether a questionnaire can be used after the initial test
- Confirm if N95 mask fitting tests are still provided for students doing clinical rotations on campus
- Obtain the questionnaire for hospital requirements regarding flu vaccines for students who are not on-site during flu season
- Determine if a different math requirement is needed for the pharmacy technician program and discuss with Donna
- Determine if Summit is planning to bring back the massage program
- Communicate any questions or concerns about the massage program to Renee Freese or Jeremy Rizer via email

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