I hope you are enjoying your Summer! Our biggest news is that Arizona College is in the process of opening a third campus – our first in a new state! The Arizona College Las Vegas campus is going to be a huge step for us and we are excited to expand our reach and continue to help students achieve their dreams and reach their goals.

Our current plan is to start by offering our Medical Assisting, Dental Assisting, Health Information Specialist, and Pharmacy Technician programs. We are working with the Nevada Board of Nursing to be approved to start a nursing program there as well, so stay tuned. Our hope is to begin classes for most of the programs starting in the Fall.

It is also a very exciting time for us as we have just recently completed our ABHES accreditation visit, and the visit went well. Why is this accreditation so important?

It’s like a seal of approval given by the experts. It verifies that a school has passed tests of quality and credibility, and that what the school tells you about its services and offerings is true. Accreditation is also important because the U.S. Department of Education requires schools to be accredited inorder for eligible students to receive federal financial aid.

To become accredited, a school’s instructors, courses, services, and fees have to be examined and judged by a panel of experts. They protect students by doing the hard work of investigation and evaluation, so you don’t have to.

In short, this is also one of the ways to ensure we’re doing things the right way. I’d like to thank all of our staff and faculty for the work they did to prepare for ABHES’s visit and the great job they do on behalf of our students each day.

Our purpose is to provide the opportunity for our students to better their lives, their families, and our community through preparing them for rewarding careers. The culmination of all our hard work and more notable, the hard work of our students is graduation.

Our next graduation is Saturday, July 18th at 11 am at the Phoenix Convention Center. I look forward to celebrating with our graduates, their families, and their loved ones. I hope to see you there.

Best wishes,

NICK MANSOUR
President
For our Veterans and “Fore” the Kids

On April 1st and 2nd, our faculty and staff took part in our annual Military Veteran C.A.R.E. Training.

As a Veteran Supportive Campus, Arizona College follows the guidelines for C.A.R.E. to ensure we provide the support, understanding and resources our Veteran students deserve.

C.A.R.E. stands for:
• Connect to the culture
• Ask the right questions at the right time
• Respond effectively
• Engage in the Military Veteran Community

A special thanks goes to Kelly Anne Beck and Mario Aguirre from the Arizona Coalition for Military Families (ACMF), who provided the awesome training.

On April 22nd and 23rd Jan Lemau, Agency Liaison for Mesa Campus, and I attended the Symposium in Support of Service Members, Veterans and their Families hosted by ACMF. Those attending the two-day conference represented hundreds of Veteran Serving Organizations. It was a great opportunity for us to be able to connect with so many great organizations and training opportunities in one place.

On May 7, Arizona College was proud to sponsor the 25th annual “Fore the Kids” Golf Classic in support of Friendly House and its Academia Del Pueblo Elementary Charter School, which serves children in south-central Phoenix. It was a great way to provide support for a great cause.

Thank you again to these organizations that assist our Veterans on a daily basis. It’s with your help that we can all make a difference in the lives of our Veterans and their families.

DENNIS HOBGOOD
Director of Agency Business Development

Make Your Application Count

Forbes Magazine recently published an article on “How to make them respond to your online application”. In today’s job search jungle, more and more positions are posted online and require an online application.

This can be daunting as hundreds of people are applying to that same posting. If you feel that you are being ignored, rest assured, others feel the same way! Hundreds to thousands of applications and resumes are generally submitted for each desired, professional open position.

My advise is to keep applying, however be sure to follow some of these tips to increase the likelihood of a call back and interview:

1. Prioritize listings that match your skill set directly.

2. Fill out forms quickly, leaving selected questions unanswered.

3. When asked for your salary, write “$1,” “$10,” or “$100,” so you fill in the blank, but don’t try to work up a compensation negotiation in advance.

4. On other questions, like a request for references, or your current position, and especially if you’re unemployed, write “to be discussed.”

5. Tailor your résumé to the listing; make sure it includes keywords (words found in their job description that match your education).

6. Write a concise cover letter that specifically addresses the job’s requirements.

7. Most important: Search your virtual and face-to-face network for a connection to the job you want and if a posting lists an address, WALK IN dressed in professional attire, and ask to fill out an application.

Perseverance means to be steadfast in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success. I encourage you all to have perseverance.

You are only as wise as you allow yourself to be; never get discouraged; never give up because consistency and dedication are the key to success.

CRYSTAL VANSLYKE
Director of Student and Career Services

To Floss or Not to Floss

If you’re like a lot of people, your first response to the dentist’s flossing recommendation may be “I brush my teeth, so I’m fine.” While brushing your teeth twice a day helps maintain oral health, you’re not getting the optimal cleaning if you leave the floss unused in your medicine cabinet.

According to the ADA, a toothbrush works by removing plaque—a sticky, bacteria-laden film—from your teeth. Toothpaste enhances the effect of the toothbrush, and fluoride helps reduce the amount of bacteria in your mouth. However, a toothbrush’s bristles can’t clean between the teeth or under the gums!

That’s where floss comes in; it’s a tool that removes plaque from tight spaces between the teeth and under the gums. The ADA states flossing before you brush helps make brushing more effective: with less plaque caught between your teeth, the fluoride can get to more parts of your mouth. (HowStuffWorks.com).

So…open the medicine cabinet, find the floss, and make dental health happen! Remember, you don’t have to floss all your teeth, just the ones you want to keep!

GAYLE WACHOWIAK
Dental Assisting Program Director
It is the first day of Nurse’s Week. I am truly honored to be part of such a noble profession.

I have the privilege to work with an amazing team of nursing faculty at Arizona College who make students their priority. Each of our faculty have a passion for teaching students and it is demonstrated in their behavior every single day.

As a team, the nursing faculty strive to educate each student to become the kind of nurse each of us would want to care for our family members. Nursing is a collegial profession and students quickly learn that it takes a team to help the patient progress to his/her level of optimal health.

Students are taught by a team of seasoned faculty who bring a wealth of experience and real-life examples to the classroom.

Many times students don’t realize the work faculty do behind the scenes before they even set foot into the classroom.

Students don’t see the countless hours faculty spend on developing lectures that include the latest evidence related to patient care. Students don’t see the faculty who come into the office at 5:30 or 6 am to make sure the test being developed for the following week includes all the important concepts related to the course objectives. Students don’t see the faculty working late in the day and into the evening to make sure each student has proper feedback on discussion questions and projects. Students don’t see the faculty who arrive at the clinical site at 5:30 am before a 12 hour shift to make sure students are assigned the best patients to help them meet course objectives.

However, our nursing students do see faculty who come to class on time, who stay late to answer questions, who make time for tutoring, who demonstrate caring and compassion for each individual and who are great role models for the students they teach.

I would like to share part of an article I recently read on the Internet that summarizes why our faculty chose to become nurse educators:

“All around us are nurses, silent superheroes, who do and see the unimaginable. Some of it is amazing, so incredible that it would bring tears to your eyes, and some of it so horrifying that just thinking about it brings intense pain, even to the most seasoned of nurses. The best part of it all is that we have the ability to change lives, every single day. Our job can be thankless, but it can also be beautiful and consuming. The kind of consuming that changes who you are, makes you cherish the sunshine, and gives you the strength to be a better person, a better nurse, one patient at a time. It’s what we do.”

The nursing faculty at Arizona College are changing the lives of our students – one student at a time. It’s what they do.

Meet Melissa Machuca, Director of Admissions, Mesa Campus

Melissa Machuca comes to Arizona College with 14+ years of educational experience in various roles such as Director of Student Services, Director of Enrollment, Associate Director of Enrollment, Senior Enrollment Manager, Enrollment Manager, Executive Enrollment Counselor, Senior Enrollment Counselor and Enrollment Counselor. Melissa’s passion is to coach and develop employees to reach the next level of performance.

Melissa grew up in Mexico, came to the United States in 1994, went to High School, learned English and graduated. Melissa holds a Master’s Degree in Business Administration from University of Phoenix and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from University of Arizona. Melissa loves traveling around the world, has a 4 year old daughter and a beautiful marriage.

After her challenges coming to a different country and learning a different language she believes anything is possible. Melissa now speaks three fluent languages (Spanish, Italian and English) and is learning her 4th (Arabic).

Throughout her years in management she has had the opportunity to turn teams performances around, increase customer service satisfaction and increase employee engagement. She believes in leading by example and her vision of a successful team depends in various factors including: “Talk to, not about”, Servant Leadership and Communication.

Melissa has served the Arizona community in many ways, Jay Day instructor, TED X, Women’s support groups, Dress for Success, Dioceses of Phoenix and Tucson and several orphanages.

Melissa’s door is always open, so stop by and say “hi”!
Good Luck Externs!

*Please note: Due to limited space, the students listed above are only a sample of students that have been placed on externship.
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Irma De La Rosa began working for Arizona College on February 23, 2015. Irma initially attended Sanforn Brown College and graduated with a Medical Assistant diploma in 2012. Irma continued on with her education and achieved her goal of obtaining her Associate of Science degree in Medical Assisting from Sanford-Brown College. Currently, Irma is pursuing her Bachelor’s Degree in Health Sciences in Professional Development and Advanced Patient Care at Grand Canyon College.

Irma has over two years of experience as a Medical Assistant, and she has a passion for working with future health care professionals! Welcome aboard Ms. De La Rosa!

Monica Katsanes comes from a military background where she served in the United States Army for five years, as a Medical Specialist. Her service included providing first aid and semi-emergency care to hundreds of soldiers during her service.

Monica taught Combat Lifesaver Course to her soldiers and this is where Monica found her true passion. This was her first experience teaching, but it wouldn’t be her last, she loved it! Monica began working for Arizona College on April 6, 2015. She graduated from Pima Medical Institute in 2007, and graduated with a Medical Assisting diploma. Shennen has nine years of experience as a Medical Assistant. Shennen has nine years of experience as a Medical Assistant and in fact, she has such a love and passion for the medical field that she sought to teach others her experience and knowledge.

Shennen is a firm believer in having the best mentors and training in order to succeed as a Medical Assistant!
Medial Assisting graduates attended Mountain Park Health Center Boot Camp. They passed and were hired! Congrats to: Bereniz Alvarez, Christian Armenta, and Flora Cortez!

Awesome celebration for Armed Forces Day!

Break time!

Chips and Salsa Meet and Greet with Career Services

Nacho Day!

Autism Speaks-Blue Jeans Day

Happy Nurses Week future Nurses!

Ms. Romero is a great sport during an Agency Department meeting.

Cinco De Mayo!

Medical Assisting students enjoy some treats for Armed Forces Day

Summer Calendar of Events

6/1/15-Migraine and Headache Awareness Month
6/7/15-Cancer Survivor Day
6/12/15-Externship Orientation
6/18/15-New Student Orientation
6/22/15-New Start-Welcome Students!
7/1/15-Cord Blood Awareness Month
7/3/15-No School-Happy 4th of July!
7/17/15-Externship Orientation
7/18/15-Graduation!
7/23/15-New Student Orientation
7/27/15-New Start-Welcome Students!
8/1/15-National Breastfeeding Month & National Immunizations Month
8/2/15-Externship Orientation
8/27/15-New Student Orientation
8/31/15-New Start-Welcome Students!
9/1/15-Childhood Cancer Awareness Month
9/7/15-No School-Happy Labor Day!
9/10/15-National Health Information and Technology Week
9/18/15-Externship Orientation
9/24/15-New Student Orientation
9/28/15-New Start-Welcome Students!
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