

SSCC launches new dental, veterinary training programs

Informational session scheduled for Aug. 24

Through a partnership with Boston Reed College, a national education provider, Southern State Community College is now able to provide healthcare training programs that prepare students for job opportunities in the growing allied health industry. Southern State will offer Boston Reed's healthcare training programs in the areas of dental assistant training and veterinary assistant training.

A free informational session will be held 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24, in Room 203/4 of Southern State's Central Campus, 100 Hobart Drive, Hillsboro.

"We take great pride in offering this training for the first time to provide access for local adults to affordable training that can lead to sustainable job opportunities in the healthcare industry," said John Joy, SSCC Dean of Workforce Development and Community Services. "It's estimated that 20 percent of new jobs through 2014 will be located in the medical industry, and the majority of these positions will be filled by individuals with four years or less of training."

The short-term, affordable training opportunity will provide interested, motivated individuals seeking a job in healthcare the knowledge and skills needed to pursue a job in allied health fields.

"We are pleased to partner with Southern State to offer this high-demand, science-based curriculum for local residents seeking a career change or additional skillset for today's fast-growing healthcare industry," said Laura Sickles, Boston Reed Program Manager. "Boston Reed commits to offering a high-quality education option for schools that do not have immediate resources or expertise to offer this type of coursework. All courses are taught by seasoned experts including doctors, nurses and pharmacists."

As part of its partnership model, Boston Reed provides all materials, instructors and helps place students in externships upon completion of classroom instruction. Upon completion of the partnership program, many students are immediately eligible for employment and often pursue higher education, working toward nursing or other healthcare pathways. Program fees are approximately \$2,300 and include textbooks, classroom materials, externships and certificates of completion.

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