

Regents Approve New Occupational Therapy Assisting Program For CCSN

The UCCSN Board of Regents recently approved an Associate of Applied Science degree program in Occupational Therapy Assisting. The program is only offered at the Community College of Southern Nevada, West Charleston campus.

Certified occupational therapy assistants treat people who are mentally, physically, developmentally or emotionally disabled. These assistants employ a variety of techniques designed to help individuals develop or maintain daily living

skills and cope with the physical and emotional effects of their disabilities.

"There are unlimited job opportunities in the Valley, plus these graduates can be employed anywhere in the country," said Dr. John Berg, CCSN's dean of medical and occupational programs. "The Nevada Occupational Therapy Association asked for the program in 1992, because of the great demand for these graduates."

Hospitals, rehabilitation

centers, long-term and extended-care facilities, as well as some schools employ occupational therapy assistants who may also provide in-home care.

"The changing nature of health care and health reform encourages health care agencies to hire occupational therapy assistants," Berg added.

Currently, certified occupational therapy assistants earn an average starting full-time salary of about \$24,000.

This new program,

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developed with the Clark County School District as a tech prep program, is the eighteenth certified/degree program offered in the health careers field at CCSN's West Charleston Campus.

According to Berg, 20 occupational therapy assisting students will be admitted in the 21-month-long program each year.

People interested in this or other health-related education and training should call the West

Charleston Campus at 877-1133, ext. 273, for a listing of the health careers orientation schedule. Written information and answers to questions are

provided at these free orientations, or by visiting the CCSN Health Programs office, Room B204, at 6375 West Charleston Boulevard.

SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

UNLV's Rebel Recycling Program is holding a \$500 scholarship contest to find a logo, mascot, and motto for the new UNLV recycling education program.

Designs can be sketched, painted, computer generated, or done in any type of media. Artwork need not be camera ready.

First prize is a \$500 UNLV scholarship donated by Silver State Recycles. Entries must be turned into the environmental studies office in the Rod Lee Bigelow Health Sciences Building, Room 307, by September 25, 1995. Prizes will be awarded October 6, 1995.

For more details on the contest or the Rebel Recycling Program, contact Tara Pike at 895-1630.



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BY KEITH O. HILTON

Did you know that 15 historically African American colleges award doctorate degrees? This may be a well kept secret from many, but for those who have gone through these programs, that time, energy and money spent there was well worth it— and employers also agree

Some students still pursue advanced studies for prestige, better salaries, potential promotions or to complete professional requirements of a present job. Aside from individual gains, there are social and cultural benefits that come from graduate education.

Forexample, society benefits by the presence of physicians because they improve public health as well as helping the particular patients being treated.

A good supply of lawyers helps a nation to conduct its affairs under a rule of law. The presence of historians preserves one's heritage, while the presence of artists enriches our experience.

There is also a "standby effect," as the late Howard Bowen, President Emeritus of the Claremont Graduate School, called it, of having in the society people with enhanced skills and specialized knowledge that may not seem essential at the moment, but suddenly becomes so when problems emerge that urgently require their use.

Whereas many people view the historically African American institutions as being undergraduate driven, we again bring to the attention of some, the fact that graduate study is

alive and well at predominantly U.S. African colleges. The following is a sampling of some schools offering both masters and doctoral programs:

Alabama A&M University offers graduate degrees in twenty-seven areas, including a doctorate in Applied Physics. **Clark Atlanta University** has thirty-one programs, including sixteen doctoral programs.

Florida A&M University has twenty-eight programs, including doctoral programs in Pharmacy and Toxicology. **Grambling State University** has thirteen programs, including a doctoral program in Education.

Howard University offers degrees in ninety-six disciplines, including forty-four doctorates.

Interdenominational Theological Center has three graduate programs; one doctorate.

Jackson State University has thirty-five programs, including a doctorate in Education. **Meharry Medical College** offers doctorates in five fields.

Morgan State University offers thirty-three graduate degrees, including doctorates in Educational Administration and Urban Education. **North Carolina A&T State University** offers thirty-three graduate degrees, including a doctorate in Engineering and Applied Sciences.

Southern University has twenty-four programs, including the doctorate in Special Education. **Tennessee State University** offers twenty-eight

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