



Mission Statement

Allan Hancock College fosters an educational culture that values equity and diversity and engages students in an inclusive learning environment. We offer pathways that encourage our student population to achieve personal, career, and academic goals through coursework leading to skills building, certificates, associate degrees, and transfer.

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AHC Medical Assisting Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 5, 2025.

8 AM – 9 AM

Zoom link:

<https://hancockcollege.zoom.us/j/9768303457?omn=84633868489>

Current/Action Items

1. Approval of the Minutes (x).
2. Welcome and Introductions (AHC MA Faculty & Committee Partners).
3. Updates on Medical Assisting Program (AHC)
4. Thoughts/ Opinions (Everyone)
5. Adjourn

Main Topics: (Notes)

This meeting is Marypat's first MA Advisory meeting as a MA Coordinator.

Introductions:

MaryPat: introduced what is going on in the MA program. Mary mentioned how the MA students are working on giving injections and making sure they feel comfortable and confident about giving them.

Jill: introduced herself and mentioned how she first started in Public Health nursing- disease control and maternal from 1996-2015. Then came to AHC for Medical Assisting and now is at the Veteran's center.

Dr. Herb Kendal: introduced himself as a California Licensed acupuncturist and a doctor. Dr. Herb is reaching his 40th year in practice. Alex De Jounge introduced Dr. Herb to use acupuncture for students. Dr. Herb has been offering free acupuncture for Hancock students for at least 6-7 years. Adaptation for the acupuncture setting for the student.

Dr. Preciado was interesting in Dr. Herb's acupuncture model and suggested bringing and trying it at the Santa Maria healthcare Center

Dr. Preciado: introduced herself as the Chief Medical Officer for Santa Barbara County Public Health. Dr. Preciado first started as a medical assistant 40 years

ago and then became an Registered Nurse for about 16 years. Then went back to school to become a Physician.

Marypat introduced Hilary and Joann as MA instructors.

Hilary: introduced herself and mentioned how has 30 years in nursing. The last 22 have been working at a federal prison in Lompoc as infectious disease and quality control nurse. Also worked a Lompoc Hospital before that and taught CPR for 20+ years.

Michelle Coleman T: introduced herself as the Lompoc Healthcare Center Nursing Supervisor. Michelle has been a nurse for 28 years now. Michelle was also a former AHC graduate.

She also enjoys having AHC's MA students at her facility. Its been a good success and has been able to hire a couple of the MA program

Yvette Calhoun: Public Health Department, Yvette is the Performance Improvement Coordinator. Yvette mentioned how her facility are always excited to work with the MA Students.

Gerri:

MA Updates:

MaryPat: mentioned how the students have a check out for every skill which includes blood pressure, pulse, temperature and taking sub qim injections. The MA students demo on each other for injections since there aren't enough volunteers. They do theory and have 4 hours at the end of the day, they practice skills.

First semester mainly focuses on anatomy, physiology, front office work, professionalism.

Second semester focuses on pharmacology, learning how to properly give medications, and meeting with physician before giving a medication.

Clinical 2: Wound dressing, sterile wound dressing.

MA's build on the first semester and then pulling skills to do second semester and phlebotomy.

Jill added saying that the first semester is more of taking blood pressures, temperatures, getting used to touching people and asking them medical questions.

Marypat: they also use the chief complaint and asking if they have any allergies or any medications.

On April 14th they will go out to do their externships and will be there for 5 weeks, April 14-May 14, Mon- Thurs. 8-5 and directed to meet with the supervisor every day. Students also come in with their resume. There will also be an evaluation for the site supervisors.

Textbooks are going digital, students don't seem to mind and enjoy having it digital. MaryPat also encourages the students to use their cellphones when completing classwork.

Marypat also mentioned how MA how a new space – Student Health Services for lab.

This program can take up to 30 students but after covid pandemic, it changed drastically. It is taking a while for placements to go back up, right now it's in the mid 20 range.

Dr. Herb asked about placements.

Jill stated that students are asked where they would like to go and we try to get a contract for that desired facility.

This program is two semesters, and after they do qualify to take the American Medical Technologists Registered Medical Assisting Exam to get certified just because there are a lot of clinics that require the MA's to be registered. There's a Pearson's testing area for the students to go take their exam.

Carmen added that some students took the MA program because they wanted to be nurse practitioners and placed some students with cardiologists and dermatology. A lot of students also like women's health. Also mentioned that in the first semester they do electronic health records, some billing and coding, and scheduling appointments.

Dr. Preciado: mentioned the potential partnership with AHC MA Program & SBCPHD and going and introducing MA to the high schools. For any high school student who would be interested in MA. Also, explore a scholarship route for this project. This project is for another meeting scheduled on Friday, March 7, 2025.

Dr. Preciado also suggested if the medical assistants would be open to learn about EyePACS, a screening program, which can be utilized for identifying early diabetes.

Liza M: introduced herself as a part-time faculty and she is the Body Systems and Diseases professor.

Marypat: mentioned how medical billing and coding hasn't been successful in enrollment. Also, might try doing an online course / program for medical coding and billing. Liza M is one of the professors for that course as well.

Marypat mentioned potentially creating a Health Science course for high school students to draw their attention for nursing and dental assisting.

Dr. Preciado and Jill: anatomy, physiology and terminology, the 3 consoles can

interest the high school students in preparation for Nursing.

Jill: some students are failing the phys and anatomy courses when they come to AHC and it may be because their first language isn't English.

Jill: A basic physiology, anatomy and medical terminology introduction in high school can prepare them for the college advanced courses.

Dr. Herb: increasing education screening, internship placements coming together about screening in high school with medical tech interims who are also learning this program will pick the interest of students in education. Dr. Herb was interested in placing a couple of students in smaller, one day clinics, like in Guadalupe, as an opportunity. Also meeting two times a semester for advisory meetings would be beneficial.

Adjourn.