

New Gold Coast TAFE Phlebotomy course meets industry demand

Due to industry demand Gold Coast Institute of TAFE (GCIT) announces the launch of a new blood collection course to allow health care industry professionals to add to their existing knowledge base.

The four-week Phlebotomy Skills Set program is designed for those who are required to undertake the highly skilled technique of drawing blood for sampling and for collection.

GCIT Chief Executive Officer, Aaron Devine said the health industry had identified that there was a skills shortage in this area.

“The Institute was prompt to react to this feedback and launch this short and flexible program to health care professionals.

“The aim of this in-demand short course is to add to nursing and health care professionals and nursing student’s existing knowledge base.

“This program would also suit pathology specimen collectors and research officers who are working in clinical areas where cannulation skills are required.

“On successful completion of the phlebotomy training participants will be able to operate efficiently within a pathology and specimen collection environment.

“They will also be able to perform blood collection and identify and respond to clinical risks associated with pathology specimen collections,” Mr Devine said.

Students will be required to attend a one hour introduction to the program on campus at GCIT Southport, Scarborough Street in Southport.

The theory is to be completed via a self-directed workbook over a four week period commencing on 31 October 2011. Students will then attend a one-day practical workshop at the end of the program.

To be eligible for the program, participants must be a Registered Nurse or Enrolled Nurse, a nursing student who has completed at least one semester of either a Diploma of Nursing with a Registered Training Organisation or a Bachelor of Nursing with a University.

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