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Health Care Experience Workshop notes

October 30, 2014

Organizations Represented

**Health Care Associates**

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<http://healthcareassociates.net/>

* Health Care Associates hires both skilled and non-skilled workers. To be a home health aide there is no prior training required; although CNA’s are also hired. They have 1st, 2nd, and 3rd shift jobs available and are very flexible with student schedules. They also offer tuition reimbursement up to $1000
* Health Care Associates provides the following services: Alzheimer’s/Dementia care; CNA Training; Companion Care; Pediatrics; Private Duty Nursing; Psych Nursing; PT/OT; Respite Care; Speech; Spinal Cord Injuries; TBI; Wheelchair Transport

**Goodwill Industries**

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* Goodwill offers Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) training. The program is four weeks, Monday-Friday; they offer at least three courses each summer. The CNA program includes 115 hours of training in theory, laboratory, and clinical work.
* Cost is $1200 and includes supplies and the certification exam fee. A portion of the costs could be reimbursed through employment at an agency that accepts Medicare or other federal aid. Goodwill offers one full scholarship per course and one partial scholarship per course. These scholarships are awarded to individuals who demonstrate financial need as well as motivation to succeed and excellent work habits.
* Visit this link for more information about the Goodwill CNA training (scroll down about ½ way down the page): <http://goodwillgr.org/cna>
* A list of other approved CNA programs in Michigan can be found at [www.mycareereducation.org](http://www.mycareereducation.org).

**Mary Free Bed**

**Rehabilitation Hospital**

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[www.maryfreebed.com/jobs](http://www.maryfreebed.com/jobs)

* Mary Free Bed provides “Career Seminars” which allow students to learn about different rehab-related careers, including Physical Therapy (PT), Occupational Therapy (OT), Speech-Language Pathology (SLP), and Recreational Therapy. These Career Seminars lead to job shadowing opportunities (students must attend a Career Seminar before they are allowed to shadow).
* There are volunteer opportunities available to college students at Mary Free Bed, which allow up to 30-40 hours of volunteer work. Students will have the opportunity to observe therapists (PT, OT or SLP), and maintain the cleanliness of therapy areas. Students interested in volunteering should complete an application at this link: <http://www.maryfreebed.com/Jobs/Volunteering>
* Mary Free Bed has paid entry-level jobs for CNAs, Rehabilitation Techs, and patient escorts. Their Nurse Tech positions do not require prior certification.
* Mary Free Bed also offers a minority scholarship program, which could provide qualified students with $1000 to $10,000 in scholarship awards. To be eligible, students must be admitted or currently enrolled in a full time program such as nursing, PT, OT, SLP, Therapeutic Rec, or Neuropsychology. Visit this link for more information: <http://www.maryfreebed.com/Jobs/Minority-Scholarship-Program>

**Porter Hills**

**Retirement Communities and Services**

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* Porter Hills has various volunteer opportunities available at their retirement communities which are continuous positions. These positions could involve being a Friendly Visitor, which is someone who provides social enrichment to the residents.
* There are mostly day hours but they do run 3 shifts/day
* Postings are updated every Friday. They encourage you to submit a cover letter with your application.
* They also have paid positions that are more hands-on, such as Resident Assistants (which require no prior certification) or CNAs. For more information, visit [www.porterhills.org](http://www.porterhills.org)
  + To be competitive for positions at Porter Hills, it’s helpful to have experience in geriatrics (i.e. caring for a sick relative), ability to work on your feet, and good computer skills.

**Medical Scribe Systems**

Erica Ferris

[www.scribejob.com](http://www.scribejob.com)

* Medical Scribe Systems is currently hiring part time scribes at Mercy Health (St. Mary’s) Hospital’s Emergency Department in Grand Rapids. They offer local paid training at the hospital. Scribes must be able to work at least two 8 hour shifts/week.
* A medical scribe is responsible for inputting patient data into Electronic Medical Record (EMR) systems. Medical scribes remove the distractions of charting for providers, allowing them to better focus on patient care.
* As a medical scribe you’ll witness a multitude of patient cases every day – from sprained ankles to life-threatening injuries – giving you unparalleled clinical exposure to take with you to medical, nursing or PA school.
* **To apply for a scribe position, visit** [**www.scribejob.com**](http://www.scribejob.com)
* To be competitive for a scribe position, it helps to:
  + Be pursuing a health degree
  + Be familiar with medical terminology
  + Have an ability to multi task
  + Be confident and have good communication skills
  + Have a typing speed of >50 WPM
* Scribe positions are a great gap year activity; scribes can become managers and can travel around the country as traveling scribe educators/trainers.