



FRONTIER COMMUNITY COLLEGE VOYAGER

Jodi Peach, R.N. Joins Full-Time Faculty Health Informatics Program at FCC

Jodi Peach of Albion is the new Health Informatics instructor at Frontier Community College beginning this fall semester.

The Health Informatics program is a two-year Associate in Applied Science degree that leads to employment in a healthcare setting such as a hospital, nursing home, physician's office, home health, or private industry. Health Informatics is a growing field that blends together medical terminology, computer technology, and electronic health records. Under the new healthcare initiative, doctors and healthcare facilities are required to create electronic health information records.

As a Registered Nurse and the former Clinic Manager at Albion Community Health, a branch of Christopher Rural Health Corporation, Peach clearly understands what Health Informatics entails. At Albion Community Health, Peach supervised two full-time nurses and three office staff. Her work day involved talking with patients, dealing with medical records, drawing labs, and assisting the nurses. She was also involved with scheduling, budgeting, and billing.

"Health Informatics can seem overwhelming at first," stated Peach. "But I'm excited about helping the students gain a strong foundation in medical terminology, a good understanding of the health informatics system, and a look into the whole picture. Then when they begin working, they will know the lingo,



how to move around in the system, and will be able to connect it all together."

Job opportunities in Health Informatics can include record keeping, coding and billing, and health information. In record keeping, the employee will copy records and send information to insurance companies, Medicare, Medicaid, and private business. The employee may also request patient records from an outside agency. In Health Information, the employee receives x-rays, labs, EKGs, or other test results and will import that data into the patient's electronic health record.

In 1992, Peach was working for SIP-CA in Fairfield in the business office as a receptionist when she made the decision to go back to school to earn a nursing degree. She attended Frontier Community College and earned

the Associate Degree in Nursing. Following graduation, she began working as a Registered Nurse at St. Mary's Hospital in Evansville in ICU and NICU (Neonatal Intensive Care Unit). "I really enjoyed working in ICU," stated Peach. "This was my favorite because of the total patient care – medical care along with personal care such as changing their linens, bathing, and developing a personal relationship with the patient and their family members."

"Throughout my career in healthcare, I have come to the realization that different lifestyles bring patients to the hospital or physician's office," stated Peach. "It is not our role as healthcare workers to judge or question their actions, but to listen to the patients and teach them how to gain a better lifestyle by eating right, getting enough rest, or the importance of personal hygiene."

Peach resides in Albion with her husband Jim and 13-year-old son Tyler. A graduate of Cisne High School, Peach is the daughter of Reba Rodgers and the late Roy Rodgers.

"I am looking forward to the challenge of teaching students in a classroom setting," stated Peach. "I hope to use my healthcare experience to show the students that there are many opportunities in health informatics and to stress that it isn't just a degree but that it can be a rewarding career by helping others."

Becky Carter Joins FCC Adjunct Faculty - Phlebotomy Program

Becky Carter of Fairfield has accepted the Phlebotomy Instructor position at Frontier Community College and will begin her duties in August with the 2015 fall semester.

Carter, a Registered Lab Tech ASCP (American Society Clinical Pathologist) since 1975, brings a broad range of experience to the classroom. She has worked in both the hospital setting and physician offices.

A native of Kentucky, Carter moved to Fairfield in 1978 and began working in the lab at Fairfield Memorial Hospital. After five years, she switched scenes and began working in a physician's office. She has spent the last several years working in the lab at SIPCA, which is now Christopher Rural Health Clinic.

"I love working with patients," stated Carter. "It has been so rewarding helping others and I would do it all over again. I have enjoyed getting to know the patients who come in for lab work on a routine basis and building a relationship with them."

Carter is looking forward to the new opportunity to work with students in the classroom. Phlebotomy is a good career choice with a variety of workplace settings that may include a hospital, doctor office, nursing home, or even a traveling phlebotomist.



Becky Carter, Phlebotomy Instructor

In addition to teaching good skills, Carter states "I want to encourage the students to like people and have a heart for helping patients."

The Phlebotomy certificate program

at Frontier Community College is completed in two semesters (fall and spring.) Students will learn techniques for the collection of blood for diagnostic testing. Focus will also be given to ethical and legal responsibilities, effective communication skills and safe practices.

The first semester covers theory, techniques, and medical terminology. Classes meet for a full day on Tuesday and Wednesday morning. The second semester is an externship at a medical facility where students will gain hands-on experience. After completing the program in May, graduates are eligible to take the American Society for Clinical Pathology Board of Registry certification exam.

Fall semester begins August 20, and students are encouraged to register now. Financial aid is still available. The first step in the process is to complete the FAFSA application at www.fafsa.gov. The school code for FCC is 014090. To make an appointment with an academic advisor or financial aid, call 842-3711.

EMT Basic Training at Fairfield & Mt. Carmel

FCC is offering Emergency Medical Technician-Basic training in Fairfield and Mt. Carmel beginning August 24 and ending December 14.

At Fairfield, training will be held on Monday and Thursday with a choice of 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Classes will be held on FCC's campus in the Workforce Development Center.

At Mt. Carmel, training will be held at Wabash General Hospital on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The EMT-Basic Training course provides the knowledge and skills required to provide pre-hospital care and function as an entry-level Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). The course incorporates lecture, lab, and clinical components. As part of the clinical component, the individual will observe emergency department operations and perform patient assessments in an approved clinical setting. Topics include: National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) standards, anatomy and physiology, medical terminology, airway management, respi-

ration, patient assessment, medicine, shock and resuscitation, and trauma.

A required orientation will be held on Monday, July 20, at 8 a.m. on FCC's campus. To begin the EMT training, students must have completed this one-day orientation. Contact FCC's Emergency Preparedness program to request a registration packet or to learn more at (618) 842-3711 or 1-877-464-3687.

2015-2016 Student Ambassadors

Frontier Community College (FCC) in Fairfield has selected three students to serve as the student ambassadors for the 2015-2016 academic year. Student Ambassadors are chosen for their leadership, responsibility, and dependability. Those selected are: Amie Walker, Bailey Owens, and Julia Skelton.

Amie Walker is the daughter of Sheryl and Don Walker of Fairfield. A 2015 graduate of Fairfield Community High School, Amie plans to pursue an Associate in Science and Arts. After completing her ASA at FCC, she plans to transfer to a four-year university to major in Special Education.

Bailey Owens is the daughter of Jeff and Tracy Taylor of Fairfield and Matthew and Sherry Owens of Seekonk, Massachusetts. Bailey is a 2015 graduate of Fairfield Community High



School. She was recognized as a high honor roll student during her academic career at FCHS, and she was a member of the both the FCHS and Legg Up Productions cheerleading squads. Bailey plans to pursue an Associate Degree in Nursing at Frontier Community College.

Julia Skelton is the daughter of Brad and Kathy Skelton of Olney. Julia is a 2015 graduate of East Richland High School and was recognized as a student of the month and high honors. She plans to pursue the Graphic Arts and Design certificate at Frontier Community College.

Student ambassadors are responsible for promoting unity and engagement among the FCC student body, recruiting prospective students, and promoting campus-wide events. Student Ambassadors demonstrate leadership, dependability, and responsibility.

Adrienne Sons, Vice President Illinois Regional Phi Theta Kappa Southern District

Representing Frontier's Beta Alpha Lambda Chapter, Adrienne Sons was installed as the 2015-2016 Illinois Region Phi Theta Kappa Southern District Vice President.

Frontier student Adrienne Sons is serving as the 2015-2015 Illinois Regional Phi Theta Kappa Southern District Vice-President. She attended the International Honors Institute June 15-20 at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. "This excursion not only taught me how to apply our theme 'Frontiers and the Spirit of Exploration' to my chapter's honors in action project," stated Adrienne, "but it also provided helpful information to be an effective leader as Illinois Southern district Vice President."

Throughout the week, Phi Theta Kappa members listened to great speakers and explored many fascinating attractions such as the Indian Pueblo cultural center, the Anderson-Abruzzo Albuquerque International Balloon Museum, and the Petroglyph National Monument. Members had one day to themselves so Adrienne continued her exploration at Santa Fe to learn about the city and its history.

Later in the week, Adrienne attended a training meeting with other incoming

regional officers that provided leadership tools needed to have a successful year. "This trip also gave me the opportunity to get connected with not



only my fellow regional officers, but also fellow Phi Theta Kappans. It was a wonderful learning experience and I enjoyed every minute of it."

Tom Young Earns GED

Congratulations are in order for Tom Young of Sims who recently passed the official GED exam on July 7.

Young, a displaced worker since November 2014, quickly came to the realization that he was going to have to earn a GED before he could find employment. "I put in almost 100 applications and was turned down on every one because I did not have a high school diploma or GED," stated Tom. "I was not qualified."

Young's wife, Glenda Lee Young, told him about the free 8-week GED Prep classes through Frontier Community College and encouraged him to give the class a try. He decided to enroll in January 2015.

He learned there were five sections to the test: social studies, science, language arts, U.S. Constitution, and as Tom referred to it, "the dreaded math." Having been out of school for 34 years and not having algebra or geometry in school, Young knew he needed a review for the math. When the 8-week class came to a close, Young still hadn't conquered the math section and continued on with another 8-week GED Prep class that ran March through May.

In March, Young tested and passed four of the five sections of the GED exam. On March 10 he passed the social studies section. On March 24 he passed the science and language arts sections. The U.S. Constitution exam, which is given in class, came easy for him because he has always loved history and has an interest in genealogy.

In addition to the GED Prep class, Young also began weekly tutoring sessions with FCC student tutor Ninetta Wilson. Following some time with the combination of the GED Prep class, tutoring, and studying at home, Young felt like he was ready for the math practice test. After three practice tests, Young decided to take the official math test in June but he only scored 148 points out of the needed 150 to pass. Instead of giving up, he continued with the GED Prep class for math and devoted 2 to 3 hours a day of study time at home for two weeks. On July 7, Young took the math test one more time and passed. He was elated. He had earned his GED.

Now that he has accomplished such a big goal, Young is ready to start on his next goal of finding a job. With such

determination and focus to achieving his goal, an employer will be lucky to have him.

Young resides in Sims with his wife, Glenda Lee Young, RN, BSN. She is currently enrolled in an online master's program to become a nurse practitioner.



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Young credits his GED Instructor Stacey Legg (in photo) for encouraging him during class and helping him improve his math skills. The Adult Education staff have asked Young to be the student speaker at the GED Graduation set for August 6, at Frontier Community College.

Learning Resource Center Updates

The online catalog, CARLI Voyager, was upgraded to 9.1.1 in June. The LRC staff were involved with tasks before and after the upgrade. The updated version has several new features that enhance the staff's ability to better serve the patrons.

LRC Director, Merna Youngblood, attended the CARLI Instruction Showcase at North Central College in Naperville on June 18. Many of the hands-on instruction ideas have been incorporated into the LRC segment of

the New Student Orientation sessions. To date, there are three sessions.

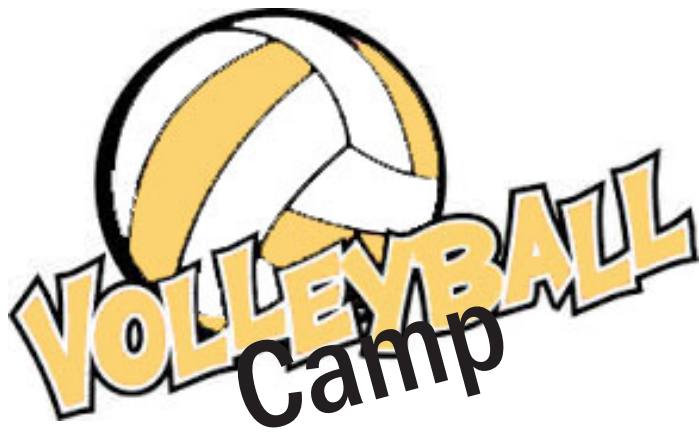
The Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL) adopted a new framework for assessment. The current standards will be retired July 2016. The LRC directors will be making changes to incorporate the framework into our assessment.

The LRC directors from all four IECC colleges met July 9 with Nixie Hnetkovsky regarding assessment

and Paul Tait regarding printing coin-op machines and pricing. Other items on the agenda include:

1st Search ending in Dec. 15 and World-Cat Discovery Services, comparison of LRC web page databases with Entrata library databases, ACRL framework, online tutorials, Dear Reader, and CARLI reports.





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Back row: Coach Jessica Backus, Bobcats volleyball players, and Athletic Director Tommy Kent



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The Bobcat Den Update

Remodeling continues at the Bobcat Den Fitness Center. The lower level will house the coffeehouse, student lounge and a weight room. The upper level will house the exercise area and office space for the athletic director and coaches. The goal is to have it ready and opened to the community in October 2015.



The west wall has been rebuilt, including grey, metal siding.

The student lounge walls have a fresh coat of paint. The floor will remain concrete with a possible stain added.



Drywall has been installed and the student lounge is ready for a coat of fresh paint. The wooden floor will be refinished. (above)

A stairway has been installed in the student lounge. (right)