POLYSOMNOGRAPHY LINKAGE AGREEMENT

Valencia Community College
and
Seminole Community College

A.S. DEGREE IN RESPIRATORY CARE (May Grads)
and
ADVANCED TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE IN POLYSOMNOGRAPHY

In an effort to provide continuing career opportunities for students to advance, Valencia Community College’s Polysomnography program has developed a linkage agreement with Seminole Community College. Through this agreement, Seminole Community College students who have completed or are enrolled in the last term of an A.S. or B.S. degree program in Respiratory Care will be eligible to enroll in Valencia’s Polysomnography Advanced Technical Certificate program.

Each year, Valencia will reserve class positions for five (5) qualified students from Seminole Community College. These students must meet the basic admission requirements to be selected (Appendix A). Seminole Community College will be responsible for the selection of five (5) qualified applicants identified to participate in the linkage program.

Students are admitted to Valencia’s Polysomnography program annually for the summer term beginning in May. The deadline for submission of students’ credentials to Valencia is March 1. The program begins in the Summer Term and ends in the Fall Term. The 2008-09 criteria for admission to Valencia Community College’s Polysomnography program are listed in Appendix A and the general course requirements in Appendix B.

Additional information about the Polysomnography Advanced Technical Certificate program and application can be found in the official Valencia Community College Catalog electronic version found online at www.valenciacc.edu/asdegrees.

Applying for admission through the linkage agreement does not preclude any student from making application directly to Valencia. This agreement will be in effect for two (2) years. This agreement may be terminated by any of the parties with six months prior notice. Valencia reserves the right to deny admission of unqualified students to the program.

Valencia Community College shall provide the following:

a. the opportunity for students to further their career path with specialized training without partner institutions having to create their own program.
b. employment for a clinical faculty whose responsibilities include overseeing student clinical practice
c. student support services
d. marketing materials for distribution at partner sites
e. potential scholarship opportunities
f. Polysomnography Advisory Council that will include business partners and faculty from partner institutions

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Seminole Community College shall provide the following:

a. program information and marketing materials developed and produced by Valencia Community College to current students and graduates
b. host information sessions to be conducted by Valencia faculty and/or staff
c. promote awareness of Valencia’s Polysomnography program with college advising staff, faculty, and Respiratory Therapy students.

APPROVED:

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APPENDIX A

LINKAGE AGREEMENT STUDENT SELECTION CRITERIA

Listed below are the criteria for admission to the Valencia Community College Polysomnography program:

- Submit a completed Valencia Community College application
- Submit a completed Valencia Polysomnography Technology application
- Have a minimum overall GPA of 2.5 (including transfer work)
- Be enrolled in or have completed a Respiratory Care or Cardiopulmonary Sciences program within the last year or have one year of practice in Respiratory Care within the five years prior to date of admission
- Must provide evidence of current Florida licensure as a Certified Respiratory Therapist or a Registered Respiratory Therapist
- Submit proof of current CPR certification – AHA provider

NOTE:
Each applicant must be screened by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement for criminal history. Criminal background checks through FDLE had previously been conducted on all students in SCC’s Respiratory Care program. Applicants for Valencia Community College Health Science programs must be free of offenses that would disqualify them from a student clinical experience in a health care setting and must have their civil rights intact. This policy is in response to requirements by clinical agencies and State/Federal regulations.

APPENDIX B

POLYSOMNOGRAPHY ADVANCED TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE PROGRAM COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Begin Program in Summer Term

Summer Term
+ *PSG 1000 Polysomnographic Technology I (3 credits)
+ *PSG 100L Polysomnographic Technology Lab I (1 credit)
+ *PSG 1800L Polysomnographic Technology Clinical Practicum (1 credit)

Fall Term
+ *PSG 1001 Polysomnographic Technology II (3 credits)
+ *PSG 1001L Polysomnographic Technology Lab II (1 credit)
+ *PSG 1801L Polysomnographic Technology Clinical Practicum II (1 credit)

Total Certificate Credits: 10

NOTES:
All certificate courses are offered on the West Campus and online. Specialized courses may not be offered every session.
+ This course must be completed with a grad of C or better
* This course has a prerequisite; check description in Valencia Catalog
December graduation with Advanced Technical Certificate in Polysomnography

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