

Advising is a BIG Deal!

Schedule your advising appointment in October. The university puts a "hold" on your account each semester until you have completed advising. You cannot register for courses until this hold has been lifted. Please call the office or email our graduate assistant (dgerst2@towson.edu) to find out who your advisor is so you can schedule an appointment, either by phone, email, or in-person.

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Let's all remember **Chris Felchle** in our thoughts and prayers. Chris is an Allied Health student who is currently serving our country in Iraq stationed in Mosul. Chris is a medic, part of his unit's mass casualty team, and is working in the OR, ED, and company aid station. On top of this, he is taking online classes!!!

WHO ARE THE ALLIED HEALTH STUDENTS?

We currently have 50 Allied Health Students!

Who are you?

Gender

Female **84%**

Male **16%**

Clinical Discipline

Respiratory Therapy **38%**

Massage Therapy **14%**

EMT and Paramedic **12%**

Radiation Therapy **10%**

Imaging Sciences **8%**

Nursing **4%**

OTA **4%**

Other disciplines *include*: mental health, surgical tech, and PTA

Focus Area

Admin/Management **38%**

Advanced Respiratory **32%**

Science and Prof. Prep **14%**

Health Promotion **6%**

Family Studies **6%**

Education **4%**

Those who are combining two focus areas **16%**

Associate Degree

Institution

CCBC **50%**

Frederick CC **8%**

Military **6%**

Baltimore City CC **4%**

Carroll CC **4%**

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Baltimore School of Massage **4%**

Out of State **10%**

Other **8%**

Other Institutions *include*:

Prince George's CC,

Allegany College, Howard CC, and

Hagerstown CC

AAS Graduation Date

2007 **8%**

2006 **22%**

2000-2005 **55%**

Prior to 2000 **14%**

Status

Full Time: **22%**

Part Time: **78%**

REQUIRED: Background Check Policy

TU College of Health Professions requires all students to sign a statement saying they have received information on background checks for field placements. Anyone doing a field placement may be required to complete a background check by their placement. All students must sign and return the statement to our office.

HAVE YOU HEARD OF GAIT?

The Geriatric Assessment Interdisciplinary Team (GAIT) is a community-based program that is sponsored by a number of local universities, and offers students in health professions unique and fun opportunities to meet new people in their fields and to work together in teams on specific topics and aspects of geriatric care.

Special Features- Programs run for two days and are FREE for all participants, including, transportation, meals, and lodging. Students may be able to earn credit for an Independent Study course by contacting the Allied Health Program Director.

Contact our office for more information.

GAIT 2007/2008 Schedule

November 15 & 16, 2007

Talbot Hospice House Easton, MD

Topic: Palliative Sedation

March 5 & 6, 2008

Ruxton Health of Denton Denton, MD

Topic: Resident-Directed Care

April 10 & 11, 2008

Shore Rehab Services Cambridge, MD

Memorial Hospital at Easton

Easton, MD

Topic: Elderly Balance and Fall Issues

For more information about these events please contact our office.

SPRING 2008 COURSES

Remember: Course permits are required for course enrollment

Fully Online Courses:

IDHP 440- Technology and Professional Issues in Allied Health

HCMN 441- Legal and Ethical Issues in Health Administration

IDHP 311-Human Resource Management for the Allied Health Professional

IDHP 370- Clinical Program Planning and Evaluation

IDHP 495- Independent Study (Permission of Program Director Needed)

Hybrid Respiratory Therapy courses:

IDHP 405- Systemic Disease Processes and Interventions

IDHP 409- Neonatal and Pediatric Respiratory Care

New Opportunities On the Horizon with Bachelors Degree

for Respiratory Therapists: Other disciplines to follow!!

The American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC) is campaigning to allow advanced level (RRT) respiratory therapists with bachelor's degrees to provide services in a doctor's office without direct supervision, through the introduction of the Medicare Respiratory Therapy Initiative. This would *expand the horizons* for respiratory therapists and their ability to practice outside the hospital. In addition, the AARC has teamed with the Public Health Service to commission RRTs within the PHS as officer status. As with the Medicare initiative above, a bachelor's degree is required. As you are aware, a baccalaureate degree is becoming the standard in many health care fields, and offers great flexibility. So you are ahead of the curve—your Allied Health degree should open doors for you!!!

The Educational Epidemic: Plagiarism

Please familiarize yourself with the Towson University Student Academic Integrity Policy.

Giving appropriate credit for someone else's work is an important value of the Allied Health program. You are encouraged to contact your instructors about any questions you may have. The consequences of plagiarism at Towson University may range from the required revision of your work to your expulsion from the University. Please check the Towson library webpage for more information on plagiarism.

Want to travel?

WHAT? A 3-week trip that combines 3 credits of Spanish and 3 credits of health related vocabulary.

WHEN? Minimester 2008: January 3- 24, 2007

WHY? Spend 3-weeks in tropical Mexico during the winter while gaining an overview of the Mexican healthcare system. Also see the Teotihuacan pyramids, the Xochiacalo archeological site and Mexico City

<http://www.towson.edu/studyabroad/mexicoCHPmini.asp>

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MEET THE NEW FACULTY

Tamara Burton- is a full-time Allied Health faculty member. She is a Registered Respiratory Therapist and comes to us from Northwest Hospital where she was a Pulmonary Rehabilitation Specialist. She was also an adjunct professor at CCBC. Prof. Burton has her Master's degree in Health Administration from Old Dominion University. She comes with more than 20 years experience in her field.

Dr. Alan Nemerofsky- is an adjunct professor teaching the online Research Methods course. Dr. Nemerofsky is the Program Director for the CCBC Mental Health program. He received his Doctorate in Education at Johns Hopkins University. He has been teaching research for many years to Psychology and Physician Assistant students at Towson and to medical students at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Julianne Perretta- is an adjunct professor teaching Neonatal & Pediatric Respiratory Care. She was a Neonatal RT at Johns Hopkins Hospital and is now there as the Education Performance Improvement Practitioner. She has her Master's degree in Education from Johns Hopkins University. She has made many presentations and is currently a Neonatal Resuscitation Program Instructor for the American Academy of Pediatrics.

**A GREAT OPPORTUNITY!!
ATTENDANCE STRONGLY
RECOMMENDED:
College of Health Professions
Interdisciplinary Case Study
Event**

**November 7, 2007
12:00- 3:30
Chesapeake Rooms
University Union**

FREE LUNCH!

**Register Online at
www.towson.edu/chp**