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Students Encouraged to Apply for Allied Health Camp at SCC

This summer, high school students in Columbus County with an interest in pursuing a career in allied health are encouraged to apply for enrollment in Camp Disaster, a weeklong camp offering hands-on opportunities in medical laboratory technology, pharmacy, nursing simulation laboratory, CPR and first aid training at Southeastern Community College.

Rising ninth graders will meet Monday, June 22 through Friday, June 26. Rising tenth through twelfth graders will meet Monday, July 13 through Friday, July 17. Both camps will meet from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a light breakfast and lunch to be provided daily.

The goal of this training is to develop an interest in health careers, foster this interest, and prepare the students to succeed when they enroll in a health career program and subsequently work in an allied health career.

In addition to the topics listed above, campers will learn about various health care professions and how Southeastern Community College can help them reach their goals with a career in allied health. They will use their new training in a mock disaster, in which Emergency Medical Technicians, volunteers and faculty will artificially simulate a variety of injuries and will help students respond appropriately within the camper's level of capability. They also will tour the Columbus Regional Healthcare System and the Columbus County Health Department.

Enrollment in the camp is limited. Interested students must complete an application that includes an essay, a letter of recommendation from a counselor and a science teacher, and a copy of the student's academic transcript with a "C" or better grade point average.

Funding for Camp Disaster is provided by the South East Area Health Education Center (SEAHEC), which was established in 1973 and is one of nine Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) under the North Carolina statewide AHEC Program that was established to attract, retain, and maintain high quality health care professionals in all areas of the state. SEAHEC is administered by the Health Sciences Foundation, Inc., an educational non-profit organization governed by a board of directors.

For more information about this camp or to obtain an application, contact Peggy Blackmon, dean of Allied Health, at 642-7141, ext. 240 or at pblackmon@sccnc.edu.