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HEADLINE: CPS Enters New Allied Health and Technology Partnership with MACC

COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, Feb. 12, 2018 — Columbia Area Career Center of Columbia Public Schools would like to announce the new Allied Health and Technology Partnership with Moberly Area Community College on both the postsecondary and high school levels.

On the postsecondary level, some of CACC long-term adult programs will be managed by MACC starting August 2018. The transition will include Welding, Practical Nursing and Certified Nursing Assistant. In 2019, the Surgical Technology program will also transition to MACC. The decision will position CPS to service its primary mission of K-12 education and allow MACC to develop additional postsecondary pathways in the community. The new partnership will most importantly serve students at a higher level. Current CACC adult students do not receive college credits for the programs. However, MACC has developed a full articulated stackable credential that can lead a nursing student from an entry point as a PN to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing at either the University of Missouri-Columbia or Central Methodist University.

Through this partnership, MACC will provide extensive professional support for medical simulation lab development not only at the postsecondary but also at the high school level, through the high school Professions in Healthcare program located at CACC. At no cost to the high school student, anatomy and physiology will now be available as dual college credit through MACC.

“This partnership between CPS and MACC is crucial to MACC’s continued growth and service to the Columbia community,” states Dr. Jeffery C. Lashley, President of MACC. “The allied health and technical programs that are in this agreement are programs/pathways that fit perfectly into MACC’s plan for our Columbia growth and program offerings. CPS has become such an important partner for MACC and we look forward to future collaborations as we increase educational opportunities and pathways for our students and the Columbia community.”

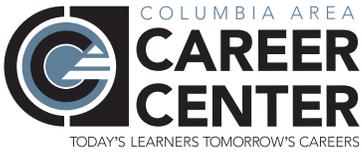
The agreement makes CACC’s Healthcare Professionals program even stronger. Currently, students learn patient care skills in the classroom, lab and at clinical sites within the community, as well as basic nursing, communication skills and applied medical terminology. During the course, students will have the opportunity to complete the American Heart Healthcare Provider Basic Life Support CPR certification. Completion of direct patient care hours and classroom instruction may provide eligibility to sit for the Missouri Certified Nurse Assistant exam, which will enable students to work in healthcare while pursuing postsecondary education and enhance opportunities for admission to advance healthcare career programs. Students will also have the opportunity to contract for high school honors credit.

“One of the goals of CPS is to provide a level of education that makes our graduates highly sought out candidates both for postsecondary education AND the workforce,” states, Mr. Randall Gooch, Director of CPS Career and Technical Education. “The opportunity to give our high school nursing students a professional certification AND dual-credit make



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CACC will continue to manage high school career and technical education, adult Massage Therapy, adult Culinary Academy, adult Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning, the Adult Learning Center, enrichment programming and youth summer camps.

CACC is a part of CPS and serves the community by providing the following education programs to a variety of ages including, but not limited to: career and technical education, personal enrichment, literacy advancement, workforce development and summer camps. For more information, visit www.career-center.org.

As a district accredited with distinction by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Columbia Public Schools is a reflection of the community. The vision is to be the best school district in the state, and the mission is to provide an excellent education for all students—from preschool to adult career education.

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