



## CENTRAL SERVICE TECHNICIAN PROGRAM

### Advisory Committee

November 9, 2016

**Present:** Linda Breadmont, CRCST, Instructor  
Nick Musumeci, CRCST, Instructor  
Carlos Martinez, CRCST, Instructor  
Ijaz Ahmed, MD, CRCP, Director of Allied Health and Respiratory Care  
Alice Erskine, RN, MSN, Chair, Surgical Services Department  
Andy Gerlett, CS Manager, El Camino Hospital  
Nicole Hawthorne, Graduate, CST Program, Skyline College

#### Call to order:

Ms. Breadmont called the meeting to order at 4:45 pm. Introductions were made. Then, Ms. Breadmont explained the purpose of the meeting.

The purpose of the Advisory Committee is to provide student, staff, and community member oversight of the structure and function of the Skyline College Program. Ultimately the goal is to improve the quality of the CS Technician training and assist the graduates in obtaining employment.

#### Clinical In-put:

Mr. Gerlett was the only manager in attendance outside the program. He has the distinction of being the original developer and instructor of the Skyline Program. He expressed satisfaction that graduates of this program are well-trained, much better than from "other programs". A recent anecdote: two Skyline students were in training at a local hospital when an experienced CST was hired. Due to the new-hire's lack of preparation, the students found themselves teaching her the names of the instruments.

Mr. Gerlett reported El Camino is growing at all three locations with investment specifically in the Los Gatos campus. Robotics and other specialties are requiring more staff. This is a trend in all the hospitals of the Bay Area.

#### Program Updates:

This was the first year Ms. Breadmont was tasked with finding clinical sites for the students. The biggest obstacle was the fact that the documents required for clearance varies from facility to facility. Some hospitals require a weekly site visit while others are okay with a weekly phone call to check on the student's progress.

Mr. Musumeci has plans to increase the number of specialty instruments to better prepare students for set assembly. He has already started creating “shoeboxes” containing representative instruments. He is seeking donations from the facilities.

Ms. Breadmont suggested that the program offer two Observation Days in two different Sterile Processing departments. That way, the students would be able to see first-hand how the department functions prior to entering the clinical experience.

### **Community Outreach**

Ms. Breadmont and Dr. Ahmed asked how the program could be promoted to perspective students. It was suggested that the staff reach out to High Schools and offer to present the program at Career Fairs. Former students could be asked to help with this promotion. Another suggestion was to create pages on various social media such as Facebook, Linked-In, or Yelp. It was suggested that Program Administration needs to keep in touch with graduates to ask for feedback and to offer assistance in obtaining positions of employment.

### **Student In-put**

Ms. Hawthorne said in her opinion the program prepared her well for her certification exam and employment. She suggested there should be more than one teacher teaching during labs, that all students need to practice wearing Personal Protective Equipment. She especially liked the Practice tests for each chapter of the text and thought that the competitive learning games kept the students engaged. She asked if it was possible to offer the students experience with the V-Pro or Hydrogen Peroxide Gas Plasma sterilizer.

### **Announcements:**

Ms. Breadmont announced the date of the up-coming Class Review for the certification exam. (Date, Time, Location??).

The In-coming Class Orientation will be held in the classroom on Nov. 14, 2016 at 3:30 pm.

### **Respectfully submitted by**



**Alice Erskine**