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New Legislation Sparks Need for Certification Training

The Virginia General Assembly has been busy over the last twelve months finalizing details on several new certification requirements that affect both the trades and service industries across Virginia. These include individuals providing Esthetics or skin care services, new car dealers, and those seeking an A, B or C contractor's license. Also, on the horizon will be new certification requirements for those employed in the plumbing, electrical, and HVAC fields and those required to disperse medications at assisted living facilities.

The Center for Business (CBI) is already a state approved provider for many of these courses. As curriculum for others becomes available, CBI plans on providing educational opportunities to assist individuals and organizations in meeting compliance requirements.

Following is an overview of recent legislation and the courses available through CBI.

Esthetician Licensing

Effective July 1, 2007, individuals providing skin care services (Estheticians) are required to take 600 hours of accredited training to obtain their licensure. In 2006, CBI and Universal Companies partnered to develop the curriculum for this training — the first of it's kind in Virginia. The first cohort completed course work in the fall of 2007. The second cohort is currently underway, with the third planned to begin in August 2007.

DMV/Motor Dealer Licensing

Beginning January 1, 2006, the dealer-operator of any new independent motor vehicle dealership will be required to successfully complete a course of study before they will be allowed to take the independent dealer/operator qualification test at any DMV Customer Service Center.

CBI has hosted two courses taught by Virginia Motor Dealer Board representatives. A complete listing of classes scheduled through the end of 2007 can be found at www.mvdb.vipnet.org/licensingprocess.

Contractor's A, B & C Licensing

As of August 21, 2006, a designated employee or member of management of all contractors applying for initial licensure must successfully complete an eight hour business class approved by the Board of Contractors.

CBI offers the approved course a minimum of two times per semester.

The next regularly class will be held on August 25, 2007. The cost is \$199 and includes all materials.

Watch future issues of the CBI Newsletter and our website for more information about changes to certification requirements.

CBI Hosts Second Annual Administrative Professionals Conference

Stepping Stones to Personal and Professional Success was the theme for the second annual Administrative Professionals Conference held on April 12, 2007. The day featured four workshops that provided practical tips flavored with lots of humor. The guest speaker for this year's event was comedian and motivational speaker, Doug Jones, who shared his approach to stress management. "Never take yourself too seriously," said Jones. He also encouraged participants to look closely at their lives to evaluate the little things that cause stress that we frequently overlook. Attendees also took the DISC personality profile and used the results to look at new ways to deal with those difficult people in their lives. "Understanding what motivates you and what motivates others can lead better working relationships," said speaker, Beth Page, VHCC's Coordinator of Upward Bound and Talent Search. Jackie Craft, Director of Project Excel at VHCC started off the afternoon with tips for communicating effectively. The day ended on a high note with "Leadership Lessons learned from Momma" presented by David Matlock, newly

appointed Vice President of Institutional Advancement. In addition to teaching participants the latest dance moves, Matlock also shared inspiring stories about his mother and how the personal leadership lessons she taught him in childhood have left a legacy that extends far beyond David's humble Missouri home.

During an extend lunch, attendees were also treated to a delicious buffet and had the opportunity to shop and be pampered by 30 different vendors. Music was also provided by VHCC faculty and staff.

"This year's event was a huge success, doubling the number of attendees from last year," said CBI Dean, Melinda Leland. "Plans are already underway for next year. This is a wonderful event for the women in our area. It provides both continuing education and networking opportunities, and it's always a lot of fun," said Leland. We're expecting even bigger and better things next year and we hope everyone will come back and bring a friend."



(Ladies learn the latest dance craze — the lawn mower)



(Personal Fitness Experts and owners of Contours Express share information about their fitness center.)



(Julie Starr, Esthetics instructor for VHCC giving a hand massage and discusses the benefits of essential oils.)

2007 VCCS Chancellor Award Recipients Honored

On Thursday, May 9, 2007, the second annual VCCS Workforce Development Services Chancellor's Awards and Recognition program for the southwest region was hosted by the Center for Business and Industry. Several awards were presented to outstanding faculty and staff from Virginia Highlands, Wytheville, New River, Southwest Virginia and Mountain Empire community colleges. Trenton Hightower, VCCS Assistant Vice Chancellor of Workforce Development Services, attended and provided support from the systems office. Over 30 people attended from the five colleges.

Recipients from the VHCC Center for Business and Industry were: adjunct instructor, **Julie Starr**, for her efforts in setting up and teaching the first esthetician training program in the State of Virginia; **Guy Harman**, Adjunct Instructor, for his work in customized training in the areas of safety and OSHA certification, and for the creation of two new open-enrollment OSHA courses.

Barbara Lucy, VHCC's Career Coach at John S. Battle and Bristol, Virginia high schools, was recognized for her efforts in helping high school students transition to college. Our hats go off to these talented individuals.



(Pictured from left: Julie Starr, Beth Duffield, Barbara Lucy, Trenton Hightower.)

We thank them for their contributions to the college and look forward to continued success.

Local VDOT Office Goes Global with GPS Training

GPS is a fast-growing, technologically sophisticated field, with potential applications in many different industries. The most common civilian applications to date have been land, air and marine navigation, and surveying. More recent applications include agriculture, aircraft precision approach, robotics, intelligent traffic systems, construction, resource extraction, and geographic information systems (GIS). CBI recently purchased fifteen GARMAN GPS units for use in training individual students as well as business and industry applications.



The first organization to take advantage of this training was the Bristol District of the Virginia Department of Transportation.

During May and June, approximately 50 students attended a five hour workshop taught by industry expert, John McGee, Assistant Professor and Geospatial Extension Specialist for Virginia Tech.

VDOT has used GPS since 2001 to build and maintain a geographic information system (GIS) for its Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) assets throughout the Commonwealth. Bristol District Trainer, Michael Hollon, who requested the training said these assets include signs, bridges, roads that need repairing, rivers and environmentally sensitive habitats. "GPS offers the tools to accomplish our work in a way that helps ensure success," said Hollon. "The training brought to life what GPS can, has, and will do to help us be successful. This hands-on class, taught us where GPS is going and how it can be used to help us accomplish our mission."

