

## **COURSE DESCRIPTIONS**

### **The Need for Allied Health Professionals**

The National Center for Workforce Analysis reports that more than 50% of states reported shortages of allied health personnel and California ranks 48<sup>th</sup> among states in per capital health services employment. This will get worse as the total population of California grows 39% through 2020 and the over 65 population grows 58%. The Nurse Assistant and Geriatric Care Technician Programs are designed to fill the employment gap of caregivers working with the elderly. It consists of two courses (Nurse Assistant and Geriatric Care Technician) and leads to a certificate in Geriatric Care.

### **Certified Nurse Assistant (Nursing 399A - 5 units)**

This course prepares the student to be a beginning health care worker in the long term care facility, acute care setting, and the home care setting. Emphasis is given to safety principles, infection control, methods for providing physical care, and emotional and social support. The course consists of lecture and clinical experiences. Upon successful completion of the course, the student is eligible to sit for the State of California certification Examination. The application for certification requires fingerprinting and a background check. Applicants who have been convicted of a criminal offense may not be eligible for certification. Please contact our office at (310) 287-4464 or visit the certification requirements online at <http://www.dhs.ca.gov/lnc/cert/Training.htm>.

The next course will be offered in the Fall 2007 Semester (tentatively) on:

Tuesday & Thursday, 6:30pm to 9:05pm, from September 4 - October 19, 2007, AND

Tuesdays, 6:30pm to 9:05pm, from April 10 – May 22, 2007, AND

Saturday and Sundays, 7:00am to 4:00pm, from November 3, 2007 – December 23, 2007

Students must attend all sessions to be eligible for program completion and State certification.

### **Geriatric Care Technician (Nursing 398 - 4 units)**

This specialized program that expands and enhances the theoretical and clinical skills of the Nursing Assistant (NA) to care for the elderly. The Geriatric Care Technician is a new role that meets increased needs of an aging population. This course consists of lecture and clinical experiences at local affiliated hospitals and clinics. Upon completion the student will be issued a certificate in Geriatric Care. Prerequisite: Nursing 399A and/or current certification as a Certified Nurse Assistant or Home Health Aid.

This course will be offered in Winter 2008. The schedule while not yet finalized will have classroom instruction two evenings each week and clinical rotations on Saturday and Sunday.