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MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS AVAILABLE AGAIN AT SHELTON STATE
TUSCALOOSA – The Training for Business and Industry Division at Shelton State Community College is offering four new medical technology programs during the 2010 fall semester at its Martin Campus, 9500 Old Greensboro Road.

Capitalizing on some of the fastest growing occupations in the field of health care, the College will offer four non-credit training programs beginning in October 2010: Pharmacy Technician, Phlebotomy Technician, Medical Billing and Coding, and Dental Assisting.

The Pharmacy Technician program is a comprehensive 50-hour course that is designed to prepare students to enter the pharmacy career field and to take the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board’s PTCB exam. The course will be offered on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from October 19 through December 16, from 6 – 9:30 p.m. at the Martin Campus. Course fees total $999, which includes textbooks. Technicians work in hospitals, home infusion pharmacies, community pharmacies and other health care settings – working under the supervision of a registered pharmacist. Content includes medical terminology related to the pharmacy, reading and interpreting prescriptions and defining drugs by generic and brand names. Students will also learn dosage calculations, I.V. flow rates, drug compounding, dose conversions, dispensing of prescriptions, and inventory control and billing and reimbursement.

The Phlebotomy Technician program is a 90-hour course that prepares professionals to collect blood specimens for the purpose of laboratory analysis. Students become practiced in proper and effective collective techniques, gain an understanding of the human anatomy and physiology, learn the role of the phlebotomist in a variety of medical settings, learn proper laboratory procedures in order to maintain safety, and much more. The course will be offered Tuesday and Thursday evenings from Oct. 5, 2010, through January 27, 2011, from 6 – 9:30 p.m. at the Martin Campus. Course fees total $1,599 with textbooks included.

The Medical Billing and Coding program is a 80-hour course that combines billing and coding in order to provide students the skills needed to solve insurance billing problems, to file claims, complete common insurance forms, trace delinquent claims, appeal denied claims and use generic forms to streamline billing procedures. The course covers CPT, specialty fields, ICD-9 and basic claims processes for medical insurance and third party reimbursements. After obtaining appropriate work experience, students who complete this course
could be qualified to sit for a number of professional certifications. The course will be offered Monday and Wednesday evenings from Oct. 11 through Jan. 24, 2011, and the course fees total $1,799 (including textbooks).

The Dental Assisting program is a 60-hour course that prepares students for entry-level positions in the field of dental care and familiarizes students with administrative and clinical aspects of working with a dental practitioner. From learning oral anatomy and tooth structure to properly handling and sterilizing equipment and functioning in a dental office, students will obtain the necessary training and skills required to function as an assistant. This program is also ideal for students interested in pursuing a future formal Dental Hygienist program. The course is offered Monday and Wednesday evenings from Oct. 11 through Dec. 13, from 6 – 9:30 p.m. at the Martin Campus. Course fees total $1,199 including textbooks.

For more information or to register, call 205.391.2434 or visit the Training for Business and Industry page at www.sheltonstate.edu <http://www.sheltonstate.edu>.