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Health related personnel still in demand for jobs

By Dr. Sidney Kobre

There is a strong, continuous demand for both men and women personnel in many health - related occupations in the Baltimore metropolitan area.

Baltimore is one of the great medical centers in the United States, indeed, in the world. More than 5,000 physicians and surgeons and other medical specialists practice here.

Thirty hospitals attract patients from all over the United States and many foreign countries.

Trained men and women are needed in the metropolitan area's hospitals, in the many clinics, and in the city's and surrounding counties' health departments.

Indeed, most Maryland hospitals report a critical shortage of registered nurses and other personnel.

Almost every major health institution in Maryland feels a shortage in its staff and has openings administrators are unable to fill.

The nursing, therapy, medical laboratory, pharmacy and dental occupations are rewarding and beckon those interested in helping people with health problems.

Those in these health - related occupations prevent illness, restore health and promote better health in the community.

"There is a great personal satisfaction in assisting children and adults and older persons get well and stay well," said President Rafael L. Cortada, of the Community College of Baltimore.

He pointed out that, to meet the needs for trained personnel in the area, the Community College has developed an all - inclusive health education program, covering a broad range of interests.

The Allied Health Services Programs — initiated at the college by the president, Harry Bard in the 1960s and then developed further by Dean R. Rodney Fields, are now being carried forward by Cortada.

Dr. Lois Carleton is associate dean of the health sciences, with Thomas Hubbard as chairman.

The demand for graduates has been so steady that the college's physical facilities devoted to health - related careers have been forced to expand.

A second floor was added to the business - health wing in the 1960s, then a separate three - story nursing education building, costing $2 million, was constructed in 1976 on the Liberty Campus, at the Liberty Hghts. Ave. and Druid Pk. Dr.

The latest medical teaching equipment was installed. The construction of bright, modern classrooms and attractive auditoriums for seating larger groups provided a pleasant environment for learning.

"The nursing profession opens many opportunities for persons with different backgrounds," said acting chairperson S. Isabell Gaare.

"Some of the students in the program come directly from high schools. Other students received their high school equivalency certificates by hard work.

"Still other men and women have been employed in hospitals as aides, or have worked in other non - health - related occupations.

"Housewives, mothers and grandmothers have received preparation at CCB for their nursing careers."

Mrs. Clanta Ingram, a mother, received her degree at the Community College, studied further at the University of Maryland and became director of nursing education at the Maryland State Practical Nursing Program, conducted at the Montebello Medical Center on Argonne Dr.

Some persons change their goals and enter the nursing profession. One student studied for a music career, but longed to become a nurse.

After she married, and her children grew up, she was determined to follow her original goal.

She enrolled in CCB's nursing program, received her degree and then entered the career she always wanted — nursing.

Salaries for nurses begin in the $11,000 $12,000 range and move up as the nurses acquire more experience, Mrs. Gaare explained.

At the Community College, the students of nursing receive classroom training on the Liberty Campus, and obtain additional clinical practice at local hospitals and other health - care institutions.

Many persons are unaware of the therapy occupations. Physical therapists and respiratory therapists, who work with physicians as a health - team and perform essential work in health - restoration, are in sharp demand.

They are needed in hospitals, clinics and health - care homes.

After getting practical experience, some of the CCB grads open their own offices. I have benefited immensely by attending the therapy clinic of a CCB graduate.

At the college, the therapy students get their classroom education, learn about clinical procedures and obtain their practice at local health - care institutions all over the city and county.

Other students chose the operation room technology program and still others the medical

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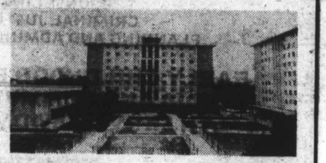

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Careers in fashion possible

By Dr. Sidney Kobre

Annetta Bracy, graduate of Carver High School, always liked clothes. As a teen-ager, she sewed her own dresses and slacks, and made clothes, even for her sisters and brothers.

Annetta enjoyed going to stores in the neighborhood and downtown to look at the beautiful garments and study the materials and design and construction. She liked art, too, but above all, she liked people.

Tony Bolling, about Annetta's age, also enjoyed clothes. He liked to select them, match the colors and wear attractive slacks and suits. He enjoyed working with people.

How could Annetta and Tony turn their personal, private interest in clothes and fashion design into a career? They were like many other Baltimoreans with similar backgrounds and with concerns for their future.

At the Community College of Baltimore, Annetta and Tony enrolled in a fashion design program, where they learned more about art and design and construction. This program has been expanded now to widen the opportunities for other Annettas and Tonys in Baltimore — of whatever age and background.

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laboratory program, offered every other year at the college.

Because of the importance of diet in health - restoration, some students find the dietetic technology program appealing. The pre - pharmacy courses attract other persons.

Pharmacists are in short supply, too, in the Baltimore area, hence students begin their study of this subject at CCB.

Still other persons may prefer the dental profession, which performs a vital service in the community. The Community College offers a full - scope program in dental assisting, dental hygiene and dental laboratory technology, directed by Dr. Elka Levin.

Many students are attracted because such all - inclusive programs are not readily available elsewhere.

For additional information and free brochures about the opportunities in health - related occupations and the preparation you need, write Dr. Lois Carleton, CCB, 2901 Liberty Heights Avenue (21215), or call 396-0203. Financial aid counselors will help you get started on your health - related career.

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