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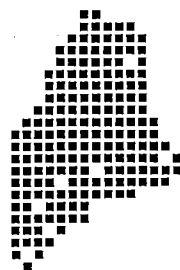


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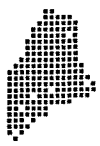
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(HOT)**

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In accordance with 26 MRSA §2159-E, the Maine Technical College System respectfully submits an Annual Report of the Health Occupations Training (HOT) project for Program Year 1993 (July 1, 1993 to June 30, 1994).

A. The number of persons who received health occupations training in 1993 and length of time enrolled in educational program:

Kennebec Valley Technical College (KVTC) Occupational Therapy Assistant (2 year program, 24 students, 10 referred by the Job Training System)

KVTC Respiratory Therapy (2 year program, 14 students completed first year in PY '93, 9 referred by the Job Training System)

Eastern Maine Technical College (EMTC) Associate Degree Nurse (ADN) (2 year program, 9 students, 9 referred by the Job Training System)

EMTC Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program Development Research (no students)

Northern Maine Technical College (NMTC) Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) to ADN Upgrade (1 year program, 10 students, none referred by the Job Training System)

NMTC Intermediate Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) (1 semester program, 42 students, upgrade program, none referred by the Job Training System)

B. The success rate for students who received education under the provisions of the HOT legislation during PY '93:

1. ENROLLMENT/GRADUATES

Total number students enrolled in all PY '93 programs	99
Total number of students still enrolled in programs	14
Total number of students who withdrew from programs in PY '93	12
Total number of graduates in PY'93	73

2. OUTCOMES

Total number employed after graduation	67
Total number of graduates who continued school	1
Total number of participants who received upgrades in their current positions	42
Total employed as a percent of total graduated.....	92%
Total employed and total continuing education as a percent of total graduated.....	93%

C. The average hourly wage by program:

KVTC Occupational Therapy Assistant	\$11.18
EMTC ADN	\$13.92
NMTC LPN to ADN Upgrade	\$11.00
NMTC Intermediate EMT	\$6.11

D. Total PY '93 Health Occupations Training General Revenue Funding \$254,430

E. Employers Who Hired HOT Graduates

From the KVTC Occupational Therapy Assistant Program

Advanced Rehabilitation	Massachusetts
Alpha One	Brewer
Aroostook Occupational Therapy	Caribou
Augusta Convalescent Center	Augusta
Bangor Convalescent Center	Bangor
Eastern Maine Medical Center	Bangor
Kennebec Valley Mental Health Center	Waterville
Pricurro Orthopedics	Waterville
St. Mary's Hospital	Lewiston
Shore Village Nursing Center	Rockland
Therapy Corner	Lewiston
Westgate Manor	Bangor

From the EMTC Associate Degree Nursing Program

Donald Clough M.D.	Bangor
Dexter Nursing Home	Dexter
Eastern Maine Medical Center	Bangor
KNO-WAL-LIN Home Health Care	Belfast
St. Joseph's Hospital	Bangor

From the NMTC LPN to ADN Upgrade Program

Houlton Regional Hospital	Houlton
Cary Medical Center	Caribou
Aroostook Medical Center	Presque Isle

From the NMTC Intermediate EMT Program

Ambulance Service, Inc.	Fort Kent
Ashland Ambulance	Ashland
Caribou Fire and Ambulance	Caribou
Crown Ambulance	Presque Isle
East Grand Ambulance	Danforth
Houlton Ambulance	Houlton
Island Falls Ambulance	Island Falls
Madawaska Ambulance	Madawaska
Van Buren Ambulance	Van Buren

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

EMTC -- Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) Program

This two-year ADN program prepares students to become registered nurses, able to provide care in a variety of acute, long-term and community health care settings. Eastern Maine Technical College and the Training and Development Corporation worked cooperatively to provide the opportunity for nine individuals who qualified under the Job Training and Partnership Act to enroll in the program. Students who complete the first year earn a diploma in Practical Nursing. After the second year, students receive an Associate in Applied Science Degree in Nursing.

EMTC -- Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program

This proposal requested research/development funds to examine the needs of health care providers in the greater Bangor region for medical sonography technicians — people who provide non-invasive diagnostic imaging like ultrasound and magnetic resonance scans. Following months of research, it was determined that employment projections in the region did not support the implementation of this program.

KVTC -- Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) Program

This two-year associate degree program prepares students for employment as Certified Occupational Therapy Assistants (COTAs). The COTA functions under the general supervision of an occupational therapist in evaluating, planning and implementing programs to maximize a patient's performance in self care, work and leisure skills. COTAs treat patients of all ages, with both physical and psychosocial dysfunctions. In the second year of the program, Occupational Therapy students attend science and general education courses with students in the Physical Therapist program.

KVTC -- Respiratory Therapy Program

The Respiratory Therapy program is a two-year associate degree program designed to prepare students for positions in respiratory therapy at the advanced practitioner level. These practitioners perform a variety of diagnostic and therapeutic procedures, including pulmonary function testing, arterial blood gas puncture and analysis, physiologic monitoring, and more. The program provides students with sequential theory, laboratory exercises and competency evaluation followed by practical experience and competency evaluation in a clinical setting. It includes a summer semester between the first and second years.

NMTC -- LPN to ADN Upgrade Program

This one-year program provides the opportunity for Licensed Practical Nurses to obtain an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Nursing, making them eligible for licensure as registered nurses. It is the first time that such a course has been offered at Northern Maine Technical College.

NMTC -- Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Program

This program provided an opportunity for licensed EMTs in a rural region of Maine to upgrade their skills and employability. EMTs provide a variety of pre-hospital emergency medical care to victims of accidents or other injuries and illnesses.