



MVCC Introduces New Degree Programs to Prepare Elementary and Secondary School Teachers

Persons interested in entering the teaching field now have two new ways to prepare at MVCC. The College is now accepting applications for two new Associate in Science degree programs, in childhood education, to prepare teachers for grades 1-6, and adolescence education, to prepare teachers for grades 7-12. Both are transfer programs based on a State University of New York template to support transfer by MVCC graduates to related programs at SUNY campuses statewide. In both programs, classes will be offered at the Utica and Rome campuses. Some will also be available online.

Employment opportunities for teachers over the next few years are expected to be good to excellent, according to the federal government's Occupational Outlook Handbook, depending on the locality, grade level and subject area. A significant number of current teachers are expected to retire during the next several years, creating opportunities for new teachers entering the field. Opportunities are expected to be numerous in subject areas like mathematics, science, bilingual education and foreign languages.

In New York State, graduates of Bachelor's degree programs can be provisionally certified as teachers, and will be required to earn a Master's degree in three-five years for permanent certification.

In the childhood education program, students will choose an emphasis in English, history, mathematics or general science, preparing to teach in one of these four areas. They also take courses in the social and philosophical foundations of education, and child development. MVCC is developing a transfer agreement with Utica College which would prepare graduates to teach at the kindergarten and pre-K levels as well as grades 1-6.

In the adolescence education program, possible areas of emphasis include English, history, mathematics, biology, chemistry, earth science and physics. When students transfer to four-year college programs, their area of emphasis at MVCC will become their major, with education as their minor area of study.

MVCC Nursing Students Assist Victims of Hurricane Katrina

Students in MVCC's nursing program are collecting items for kits to send to victims of hurricane Katrina. The "health kits," which will consist of a hand towel, wash cloth, bar of soap, large comb, toothbrush, toothpaste, metal nail file and band aids, will be assembled into gallon sized zip lock bags, along with \$1 to cover shipping costs.

The kits will be shipped as part of a church effort on a non-denominational basis to the Houston Astrodome.

Students are planning on purchasing these items with their own funds, but will accept donations (of items listed above) from the College community. Items can be dropped off in the Nursing Lab, Room 240 of the Plumley Complex, and the Nursing Learning Resource Center, AB 159.

The effort is being coordinated by Assistant Professor Pat Zawko.

MVCC, Le Moyne College Announce Nursing Program Transfer Agreement

Graduates in MVCC's Associate degree program in Nursing may now transfer with junior status to the Bachelor's degree program in Nursing at Le Moyne College in Syracuse.

Professor Nancy Caputo, M.S.N., R.N., Health Services Department Head, and Dr. Susan B. Bastable, Director of Nursing at Le Moyne College, have announced a new transfer articulation agreement between the two institutions. The agreement provides admission to the Le Moyne Bachelor's degree program in Nursing for successful MVCC graduates.

Participating students will be eligible for scholarships and financial aid, housing, internships, externships, service learning, field placements and study abroad opportunities on the same basis as students already enrolled at LeMoyne. They must meet specific grade requirements established by Le Moyne College.

According to Professor Caputo, "this seamless articulation between MVCC and Le Moyne College affords our graduates an opportunity to build upon prior knowledge, expanding their professional role as a registered nurse."

Dr. Bastable added, "I'm very pleased that we've formalized this new partnership with the nursing program at MVCC, and I look forward to assisting prospective students in any way possible if they choose to continue their education in nursing in Le Moyne."

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MMR/MENINGITIS CLINIC

September 20th, 2005

ACC 104, Student Health Center
1:00pm - 3:00pm

MMR vaccine sliding scale based on income.

**Bring Insurance Card- Medicaid Accepted
Meningitis Vaccine: \$95.00 cash or check only

If you are in need of the above vaccinations, please sign up with the MVCC Health Center, ACC 104, 792-5452. On or before September 13, 2005.

MVCC, LeMoyne, cont.

At MVCC, Nursing students complete a wide range of Nursing and nursing-related courses including Fundamentals of Nursing, Human Anatomy & Physiology, Maternity and Mental Health Nursing, Medical Surgical Nursing and other courses. At Le Moyne College, students will take courses in Health Assessment, Pathophysiology, Research in Nursing, Health Promotion & Protection, Family Health, Epidemiology, and Community Health.

Both institutions' programs also include general education courses in areas such as psychology, English, sociology, and other topics.



Teresa E. Ostrander, Accounting, Class of 1991 grad, is now a Financial Systems Manager at the Oneida Indian Nation, and was previously a Senior Accountant at the Turning Stone Casino. She also earned two degrees at SUNYIT: a B.S. in Accounting and an M.S. in Business Management.

The Employee Assistance Program New Location

The Employee Assistance Program will now be housed in the Brodock Building, Suite 401, 502 Court St., Utica, NY
733-1726/1-800-729-MVCA

Upcoming Events

Monday, 9/19

~ SUNY Information Table, 10:00am-2:00pm, Plumley Complex Atrium, Rome Campus.

~ Brown Bag Lunch Series, "Math Anxiety," 11:00am and Noon, ACC 116.

~ Women's Tennis vs. SUNY Delhi, 4:00pm

~ Meet the Authors- Gary and Justin VanRiper, authors of "The Adirondack Kids Series", 6:30pm, PCA10, Rome Campus.

Tuesday, 9/20

~ MMR/Meningitis Clinic, 1:00pm-3:00pm, ACC 104.

Wednesday, 9/21

~ "Understanding Your Constitutional Rights and Freedom," panel discussion, Noon, IT Theater.

~ Hospitality Programs Luncheon, theme: "Native American Harvest: New World Foods with a Modern Flair," 11:45am, on the Rome campus. Price is \$9.50, call 334-7702 for

reservations.

~ Men's Soccer vs. Finger Lakes CC, 4:00pm.

~ Movie, "Born into Brothels-Kids with Cameras," 7:00pm, IT Theater.

Exhibit runs in Small Works Gallery until October 1st.

Thursday, 9/22

~ Women's Soccer vs. SUNY Delhi, 4:00pm.

~ Volleyball vs. Broome CC, 6:00pm.

Friday, 9/23

~ Women's Tennis vs. Hudson Valley CC, 4:00pm.

Saturday, 9/24

~Falling Leaves Golf Scramble, 9:00am, Valley View Country Club.

Sunday, 9/25

~ MVCC Baseball Team Fundraising Golf Tourney, 11:30am, Pine Hills Golf Club.

Monday, 9/26

~ Brown Bag Lunch Series, "Reading Improvement," 11:00am and Noon,

ACC 116.

~ Rome Rotary Tour of Rome Campus and lunch, with a Study Exchange Team from the Phillippines, 11:00am-2:00pm, RA108 & Dining room.

~ Men's Soccer vs. SUNY Cobleskill, 4:00pm.

Tuesday, 9/27

~Women's Tennis vs. Herkimer CCC, 4:00pm.

Wednesday, 9/28

~ Hospitality Programs Luncheon, theme: "California Gold Rush: Treasured Recipes of the Sunset State," 11:45am, on the Rome campus. Price is \$9.50, call 334-7702 for reservations.

~Meet the Photographer- Zana Briski, "Born Into Brothels," 2:00pm, IT Theater.

~ Men's Soccer vs. Jefferson CC, 5:00pm.