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Comes to PCCC's Phlebotomy Class

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News 12 NJ reporter Douglas Clark interviews Professor Donna Stankiewicz, Assistant Dean for Nurse Education and Health Sciences about PCCC's Healthcare Training Program.

A segment about PCCC's grant-funded Healthcare Training Program Initiative (HCTI) aired November 17, 2011 on News 12 NJ's evening news broadcasts. The segment was filmed during that day's Phlebotomy Technician training class at the PCCC Paterson Main Campus.

The report featured News 12 NJ reporter Douglas Clark interviewing Professor Donna Stankiewicz, Assistant Dean for Nurse Education and Health Sciences at PCCC, Dr. Ali Saleh, the instructor of the phlebotomy class, and several students.

"We think this is a good story, considering the economy today," said Clark of the HCTI program, which provides no cost training in six different healthcare related fields for qualifying students.

"I'm here because of the grant," said Aileen Morales (right) in her interview with Clark.

"I was unemployed. This is what I always wanted to do. My passion is to be in the medical field," she said.

Aileen completed her phlebotomy training program last April. She works part-time as a classroom assistant to Dr. Saleh while searching for a full-time job.

"This program is a great opportunity for a person who wants to succeed," said Aileen.



A demonstration of the phlebotomy (blood-drawing) technique called “butterfly” was also filmed with students taking turns as the technician or the patient.



Dr. Ali Saleh watches as Joanne T. Stolarz prepares to demonstrate the butterfly blood-drawing technique in the PCCC Phlebotomy Technician training program.

“Dr. Saleh is a great teacher,” Joanne told News 12 NJ in her interview.

Officially known as *The Passaic County Multi-Skilled Healthcare Training Initiative (HCTI)*, the program is funded by a \$4.5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Labor HGEI Grant through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

PCCC is one of only 55 training programs across the country to receive the prestigious three-year grant, giving qualifying applicants the opportunity to gain the skills they need for employment in the healthcare industry, which is predicted to become the largest employer in the County over the next five years for skilled workers.

New classes are starting in January. For more information about HCTI at Passaic County Community College, visit <http://hcti.pccc.edu> or call 973-684-5663.