



Arkansas Department of Career Education

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ACTI to Add Pharmacy Technology to its Course Offerings

HOT SPRINGS – The Arkansas Career Training Institute (ACTI), the comprehensive rehabilitation center for adults with disabilities, will now add Pharmacy Technology to its list of course offerings. Classes will begin in January 2016.

The Council on Occupational Education, which serves as the accrediting body for career and technical education, approved the new program. With this addition, the facility now offers 11 vocational programs with more than 20 specialty areas.

“This is incredible,” said ACTI Administrator Jonathan Bibb. “It allows us to better utilize our resources here on campus and opens up a profession that has a very high demand in the state of Arkansas and good entry-level salary positions with the opportunity to advance.”

Students enrolled in the program are required to take 600 hours in order to complete the program, which is estimated to take a year. Bibb said over the next few weeks, he and his staff will be making contact with Arkansas Rehabilitation Services’ counselors, who are located at the various field offices across the state, to help in recruiting students for the program. They will also be connecting with students already enrolled in medical-related classes at ACTI.

“This program will attract students that have a good background in math and want to go into the healthcare field. They will have good customer service skills and very high accountability,” Bibb said.

Bibb said students will be able to work with the pharmacist who is on staff at ACTI. The pharmacist will be able to add a level of expertise in a consulting and instruction role.

The Arkansas Career Training Institute (ACTI), formerly known as the Hot Springs Rehabilitation Center, is a 24-hour, 7-day-a-week residential facility with the capacity to accommodate up to 320 residential students. ACTI's mission is consistent with the Arkansas Rehabilitation Services Division's mission to provide comprehensive vocational rehabilitation services to persons with disabilities.

For more information about this program, please contact ACTI at (501) 624-4411.

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