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CLARKSON COLLEGE TO INTRODUCE PTA TRANSFER PROGRAM OPTION FOR FALL SEMESTER

Omaha, Neb., June 5, 2009: Clarkson College will offer a Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Transfer program option in the fall of 2009.

The four semester program is tailored to meet the needs of students seeking to continue their education, change their college career path or individuals looking for a second career. This accelerated program allows these students to enroll in more PTA classes per semester.

“We continue to see a Midwest and nationwide trend of increased need for all health care professionals, especially in rural areas,” said Nebel.

The program meets the growing need regionally and nationally for health care professionals. Physical Therapist Assistant careers ranked in the top 10 according to a report by Nebraska Economic Trends in January 2007.

“The idea for this new program originated from the growing needs of our students, community and the physical therapy profession. Annually, 25-30 percent of our new students come into our PTA program with a previous college degree, and 88-92 percent enter the current program having successfully completed at least some college credit,” said Nebel.

Anatomy and Physiology courses are required prerequisites to the program. Applicants must also have a minimum of 35 hours of college coursework or the equivalent of an Associate’s degree or higher.

“This option is preferred for those who may already have a degree and wish to start a second career,” said Nebel. “Or, those from rural Midwest states who can come to campus for one year and complete their final clinical rotations in their hometown.”

The new program recently received full accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Physical Therapy Education. The traditional PTA program has been accredited since 1996. For more information contact Michelle Heilig at 402.552.6161 or visit www.clarksoncollege.edu.

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