

From the President's Desk

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The Delta Advantage #8

Certifications Available – Many majors have opportunities to gain certifications associated with their training such as Certified Medical Assistant, Certified Billing & Coding Specialist, and Microsoft certifications in Word & Excel.

Best of all, these certifications are at no additional charge for our students!

Calendar – Delta, Baton Rouge

BLC Out for Region VI Conference	Mar 9-10
BLC Out for Pensacola School Visit	Mar 11-12
Easter Holiday – Friday & Monday	Mar 21-24
Classes Resume – Tuesday	March 25
Non-PN Day Start – Monday	April 7
LCCA Spring Conference	April 18
Non-PN Night Start – Monday	April 21
PN Day Orientation – Monday	April 28
BLC Out for Training Conference	April 29-May 2

Dr. Noel Nesbitt Honored

Dr. Noel Nesbitt the PN Program Coordinator for our Covington campus has been selected to participate in the NCLEX Item Writing Workshop in Chicago from March 4-7, 2008. (Does this mean we get insider information???)

Congratulations Dr. Nesbitt!

Retention Rates

From our most recent report to our accrediting commission (ACCSCT) via the “Program Enrollment Summaries” submitted with our Annual Report, we have computed retention rates for our program offerings (Delta, BR) from 7/1/06 through 6/30/07.

- Business Office Administration..... 75%
- Dental Assistant..... 73%
- Graphic Design..... 87%
- Medical Assistant..... 72%
- Medical Office Administration..... 72%
- Practical Nursing..... 78%

LCCA Spring Conference

FACULTY – Mark your calendars for Friday, April 18 at the Hilton Hotel in downtown Baton Rouge. This event is hosted by LCCA and will feature national speakers on teaching effectiveness. Representatives from many different publishers will also be on hand.

Did You Know...

Employment in Dental Assisting and Medical Assisting are expected to grow by more than 27% each, nationwide through 2014. (Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

Effective Prayer

“The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain and it did not rain for three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the sky poured rain.” James 5:16b-18a.

Wouldn't we all like to have effective prayers? So how do we pray effectively?

Jesus said, *“And whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it. If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.” John 14:13-15.*

Seems that we should pray in Jesus' name so that God will be glorified. I believe that to pray in Jesus' name is to be in accordance with God's will for my life and to be in a right relationship with God – which is why Jesus states, *“if you love Me, you will keep My commandments.”*

I do believe that prayer changes things. After all Jesus said in John 17:20b, *“If you have faith as a mustard seed, you shall say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it shall move; and nothing shall be impossible to you.”*

Be aware though that, *“We know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is God-fearing and does His will, He hears him.” John 9:31.* There it is again-do God's will. Now we are all sinners, but *“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” I John 1:9.*

If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear.” Psalm 66:18. Simply put, iniquity is doing what I want instead of what God wants – but what God wants is ultimately what we would choose if we knew all the facts! So what does God want?

To do righteousness and justice is desired by the Lord rather than sacrifice.” Proverbs 21:3. Have you ever heard/made desperation prayer promises? Something like, *“God I'll do ??? if You ???.”* Did you know God doesn't want you to do anything, He just wants you to be His. Let go and let God, today!