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LCC BCI RECIPIENT OF FEDERAL GRANT FOR NEW HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (H.I.T.) FIELD

New Field Will Provide New Job Opportunities, Improve Health Care

LANSING - Lansing Community College has joined 16 other Midwestern community colleges and 84 community colleges nationwide in an initiative to provide training for a new field that combines information technology and health care. The new field is the result of the recently passed Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act that requires every U.S. citizen to have an Electronic Health Record by 2014. The Act is expected to cut down on medical errors and improve communication in the healthcare field. It will also create new jobs as well as expand current jobs.

Last month, LCC Business and Community Institute (BCI) staff members met with representatives from the Midwestern College Consortium to define goals, curriculum objectives, and logistics for this new field. The Consortium also met with a representative from the Department of Health and Human Services who discussed the history and importance of the initiative.

LCC will be educating students on two H.I.T. roles: Implementation Managers and Implementation Support Specialists. These positions will provide on-site implementation of H.I.T. systems. LCC will partner with local medical organizations to provide training for those with experience or education in the healthcare fields. People with information technology backgrounds are also encouraged to apply.

The non-credit H.I.T program will start by the end of September 2010. Prospective students may contact the Business & Community Institute for more information.

For more information, please visit: http://lcc.edu/bci/ or call 517-483-1857.

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Lansing Community College is Michigan’s third largest community college with more than 32,000 students attending each year. The College has more than 240 degree and certificate programs. LCC offers courses in general education for those interested in transferring to a four-year institution, career and workforce development, developmental education and personal enrichment. To meet the professional development and training needs of regional employees, the college offers customized programs for credit, non-credit and continuing education. The University Center at LCC offers students the opportunity to earn bachelor’s and master’s degrees from six partner universities on the downtown LCC campus. For more information, visit lcc.edu.