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Jobs in Health Care Not in Short Supply ***Range in Clinical, Technical to Support Positions***

New Health Care Career Guide helps job seekers navigate job types, training and education needed

(Hauppauge, NY. . .April 6, 2009) Jobs in health care are predicted to increase, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, providing for three million new wage and salary jobs between 2006 – 2016. The need for health care workers in all levels of skill will be especially significant here on Long Island, because the region's demographics point to an aging population with more than 800,000 baby boomers turning 65 in less than two years. Aging seniors will require more care for their chronic and complex medical conditions. The recently published "A Career in Health Care" guide contains information about the full range of health professions and occupations, from nursing to medical lab technologists to medical coders and billers.

Published by the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council (NSHC), the association that represents Long Island's not-for-profit and public hospitals, the guide also lists training and certification needed for specific jobs, as well as information about the training and educational programs available in Nassau and Suffolk counties.

The economy shed more than half a million jobs in December alone, yet the health care industry added 32,000, the Labor Bureau reported. In 2008, the economy lost nearly 2.6 million jobs and the health care industry added about 372,000.

"It is usually assumed that years of education and training are required to enter the health care industry. Although this is true of some professions, a great number of others require just a high school diploma and weeks or months of training. Our booklet provides information about health care careers and more importantly, how to receive the education needed to fill these positions," said Kevin Dahill, president/CEO of the NSHC.

Technology will also play a part in the need for more highly-skilled and trained workers in the health care field, leading to a greater demand for extensive therapies and care. Larger and more complex integrated health systems and medical group practices will need office and administrative support workers.

The "A Career in Health Care" guide is FREE. Call the NSHC at (631) 435-3000 or go to www.nshc.org to download a copy.

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