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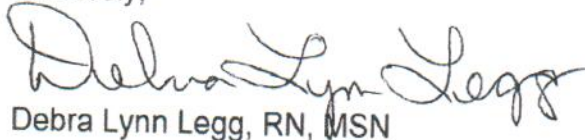
Excellence in Action Awards 2019

In the past several years I have had the honor and pleasure of being a member of the Advisory Board for the Fayette Institute of Technology Pharmacy Technician Program. The program is led by a someone who exemplifies the qualities of a great teacher, Ms. Ceresa Petitt. She has a vast healthcare knowledge base, leveraging her experience in leading the Pharmacy Technician Program. Additionally, her students have verbally lauded her for the guidance and mentoring she has given them during and after completion of the program.

I have known Ms. Petitt for thirty years and during that time have worked with her professionally in various healthcare settings. She is an excellent and caring nurse with exceptional skills. She continually stays in touch with the challenging and changing healthcare environment. Ms. Petitt utilizes the most current information in her planning and delivery of the Pharmacy Technician Program. She truly comprehends the ever-expanding role of our technicians, such as assisting Pharmacists in anticoagulation monitoring, medication reconciliation, and medication management. This program is the first step for many individuals in becoming leaders and clinicians in the future. This is exemplified by several of Ms. Petitt's former students. One of which is now a local Pharmacist and one a Nurse Practitioner in a nearby city. Additionally, a former student is now in the last year of medical school and will soon be a physician in our area. The Pharmacy Technician Program, under Ms. Petitt's guidance, truly inspires future health care leaders and clinicians.

In closing, I would like to reiterate the positive impact that Ms. Ceresa Petitt has on her students and this program. She possesses the skills of a great teacher, mentor and nurse applying them in leading the Pharmacy Technician Program into the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debra Lynn Legg". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Debra Lynn Legg, RN, MSN

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter in support of the Fayette Institute of Technology's pharmacy technician training program that is ran by Ceresa Pettit. I have been a partner with the program for many years, having pharmacy technician trainees work between the former Walgreens pharmacy on Ragland road and the current location at the corner of Harper road in Beckley, West Virginia. It is because of this contuinued relationship that I can attest to the great things that are being done within the program.

First of all, I have had many different interns, trainees, and job shadowing programs throughout the years and can honestly say that the FIT program always has the most consistent group of trained individuals that are sent to the pharmacy. I can tell that the students come in to the pharmacy prepared in regards to pharmacy rules, protocols and basic drug knowledge. That makes training them on site easier and allows for more time to focus on job training.

Secondly, I have noticed that each student comes in to the program with a great respect for their instructor. This asset makes the students more likely to adhere to rules and allows them to adapt to whatever pharmacy they are working in. Throughout the time I have worked with the program and Ceresa, I have always been provided with respectful and prepared students.

Finally, the students that are trained by the program provide a valuable asset to the community. I currently employ one of its past students, and have recommended numerous others for other jobs within the community. This allows the students to be prepared for work right after school and puts them ahead of competition, allowing for well paying and steady job work. I will continue to partner with this program for as long as I am currently in the community and suggest other businesses would as well.

Mark Dzara



10/15/18

Pharmacy manager, Walgreens 11978

October 22, 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter of recommendation regarding the Health Science Education Pre-Pharmacy Program offered at Fayette Institute of Technology under the direction of Ceresa Pettitt.

I have served as a member of the programs advisory committee for over 14 years and each year I find myself completely amazed by the knowledge and skill level Ms. Pettitt's students demonstrate. I am of the opinion the skill level these students possess is a direct reflection of Ms. Pettitt's ability as an educator and her desire to positively challenge her students to be the very best they can be.

On numerous occasions I have had the honor of serving as a HOSA judge at the school. During these occasions I have been afforded the opportunity to observe Ms. Pettitt and her students interact within the classroom. The atmosphere of the classroom is that of a real-world work setting, consisting of time clocks, timekeepers, students assuming the roles of management, staff members with clearly defined roles and the responsibility of solving realistic work world problems. The students are active participants in the learning experience with Ms. Pettitt serving as the moderator of the classroom.

Ms. Pettitt has partnered with local pharmacies to afford her students the opportunity to put their skills to use. Students work side by side with pharmacy employees to obtain clinical experience and use the skills learned in the classroom. This portion of the program has proven very successful in that most students are hired as full-time employees based upon their exemplary clinical performance.

Ms. Pettitt's program goes beyond training the student to become a pharmacy tech. The students enter the program their Junior year of high school and finish the program their Senior year. During the program students are taught medical terminology, medical math, body structures and functions, foundations of healthcare and advanced principles of healthcare,

In addition to classroom instruction, the students participate in skill building. The skill building portion of the program teaches students effective communication techniques, infection control procedures and entry level pharmacy operation skill set. Students receive CPR/First Aid certification as well as OSHA- 10 certification.

Students who successfully complete the classroom and skill sections of the program are eligible to test for the National Pharmacy Technician Certification and are EMT prep certification eligible

With a transitional English and Science credit embedded into the programs, along with classroom learning, skills training and on the job training, students are prepared to enter the workforce or successfully pursue a post-secondary education.

The success of Ms. Pettitt's program is best defined by the success of the students she has produced. Alumni of her program include pharmacists, physicians, nurses' physical therapists and other health care professionals. Many of these students' credit Ms. Pettitt's class in preparing them for college as well as entering the workforce.

Should you have any further questions regarding my recommendation please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

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