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Great News for Future Students at TSC

Less cost, less time to graduate, and an enhanced program of study! Starting in the fall of 2013, these will all be added benefits for future students studying Respiratory Care, Medical Laboratory Technology, Emergency Medical Science, Diagnostic Medical Sonography, and Radiologic Technology (X-Ray).

Currently these programs are offered through the UTB and TSC Partnership. However, working in close collaboration with UTB and TSC faculty and staff, formal requests to transfer these programs solely to TSC have been submitted to the respective accreditation agencies for each of the programs and the responses from all of the respective agencies have been positive.

Additionally, every program of study (degree plan) in the Allied Health has undergone a review to reduce semester credit hours required for graduation without compromising excellence. The changes made will allow students to place more emphasis on their area of study, rather than on general education hours. For example, changes made to the Diagnostic Medical Sonography program includes increasing the DMSO courses by three semester credit hours (SCH's), but the overall program of study has been reduced from 71 SCH's to 62. In essence, the programs are being strengthened and streamlined in a manner that should enhance completion rates and improve licensure pass rates.

The two nursing programs of study, which will also be offered by TSC beginning fall of 2013 will remain unchanged; however, these programs will undergo a similar review in the future with the same goal of strengthening and streamlining the curriculum of both programs.

These program revisions are strategically aligned with the State of Texas Higher Education Plan of increasing graduates in allied health, nursing and other critical fields, while maintaining program excellence. *"These changes will strengthen TSC's degree programs, reduce the time for graduation, and reduce costs to students,"* said, Dr. Lily F. Tercero, President, Texas Southmost College. *"It is a good message to share with our future students and the communities in which we serve."* Additionally, these program revisions should help in reducing the existing employment demand in these specialized fields.

About Texas Southmost College

Originally established in 1926, Texas Southmost College has been offering the first two years toward a bachelor's degree along with career and technical education leading to certificates of completion and associate degrees, developmental education to prepare students for college-level work, workforce training, and continuing education through a 20-year contractual arrangement. TSC will, once again, return to its original purpose when it becomes independently operational in fall 2013.

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