

Health careers conference held here for high school and college students

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Medical technology, psychology and genetic counseling will be some of the careers discussed in a health career conference for high school and college students Sunday, April 20, at the University of California, San Diego.

The conference, "Career Possibilities in the Health Field," will be held 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in room 1105 of the Basic Science Building at the UCSD School of Medicine.

Participation is free and open to all high school and college students as well as the general public.

Sponsors of the conference are the Health Science Advisory Program of the UCSD Career Planning and Placement Office and the Minority Recruitment Office of the UCSD School of Medicine.

Purpose of the program is to expose students to the variety of career options available in the health field. Participants will have opportunities to hear and to meet with health professionals in various fields.

According to UCSD health science advisor Harvey Selverston, "Many careers in the health field are passed over by students simply because they are not aware such careers exist or they have limited or incorrect information.

"This program has been designed to provide students with information which will help them better evaluate career needs and objectives more realistically."

In the morning, participants will hear speakers talk about careers in optometry, nursing, medical technology, medical social work, nutrition, psychology, recreational therapy and genetic counseling. Afternoon sessions will be informal discussions during which students can ask questions on an individual basis.

Speakers will include Dr. Paul Globerson, San Diego optometrist; Arnold Kessler, Veterans Administration Hospital chief medical technologist; Dr. Marvin Gerst, VA Hospital psychologist; Glenn Dean, VA Hospital social worker; Janet Evanson, Children's Hospital genetic advisor; Winifred McGuane, University Hospital chief dietitian; Alma Bustamante, University Hospital nurse practitioner, and Richard Patterson, Mercy Hospital recreational therapist.

Moderating the program will be Dr. Sam Williams Jr., San Diego physician. Also participating will be representatives of public health agencies, armed services recruiting offices, the National Chicano Health Organization of Los Angeles, the Project '75 tutorial and information service on health careers, the Community College Consortium and a physician's assistant program.

Although the conference is free, a \$2 charge will be made for those individuals who wish to have lunch provided. Reservations for lunch must be made by Wednesday, April 16, by calling the UCSD School of Medicine Minority Recruitment Office at 452-4170.

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