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GRCC, Davenport sign articulation agreement

July 24, 2014 GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — Grand Rapids Community College and Davenport University have signed an articulation agreement that will give students who complete the medical assistant program at GRCC a seamless transfer to Davenport’s health-related programs.

“This partnership means that our students will be able to see a clear pathway from their GRCC medical assistant certification to degree programs they want to pursue at Davenport,” said GRCC President Dr. Steven C. Ender. “Our students will know what they need to do, and Davenport will know that they are prepared to excel when they arrive at the university.”

In addition to benefiting students, the agreement also benefits West Michigan by preparing skilled professionals to meet the needs of the area’s growing medical field, said Dr. Richard Pappas, president of Davenport.

“Partnering with Grand Rapids Community College is a huge plus for Davenport University and for the health-care industry,” he said. “It will give students who are certified medical assistants the opportunity to continue their education and advance their careers in the health-care field.”

Students who successfully complete GRCC's medical assistant program and pass the certification exam of American Medical Technologists (RMA) or the American Association of Medical Assistants (CMA) can transfer to Davenport to earn an associate degree in medical assisting or obtain a bachelor’s degree in health-related programs that include medical case management, health services administration and nursing.

“GRCC’s medical assistant program graduates will welcome this opportunity to continue their professional growth and advance their careers in health care,” said Linda Witte, program developer and manager for health programs in the college’s workforce training department.

“We are excited about the opportunities our partnership with Davenport University gives for continued learning and subsequent professional advancement.”

Only three seats remain for the next session of GRCC’s medical assistant program, which begins July 28. To learn more, click [here](#).

Founded in 1866, Davenport is a private, nonprofit university serving nearly 10,000 students at campuses across Michigan and online. With tuition among the lowest of all private universities in the state, Davenport provides high academic quality, small class sizes, conveniently located campuses, faculty with real-world experience and more than 50 dynamic undergraduate and graduate programs addressing in-demand careers in business, technology and health professions. More information is available at www.davenport.edu.

Grand Rapids Community College has been offering educational opportunities in West Michigan for 100 years. Established in 1914, the college offers degree courses, certification and training programs, and workshops and personal enrichment classes. Offerings are held on GRCC’s downtown Grand Rapids campus, as well as at several locations throughout Kent and Ottawa counties.