

DOWNEY ADULT SCHOOL

September Newsletter



September is widely recognized as Attendance Awareness Month!

Attendance & Professionalism Reminder

✓ As we begin a new school year, we want to remind all students that attendance, punctuality, and professionalism are important parts of your success—not only in your program, but in the workforce. Your time at Downey Adult School is preparing you for a career, and the habits you develop here will carry with you into your future workplace.

🕒 **Be on time.** Arriving late disrupts your learning and, in the workplace, can impact your team and your employer.

📖 **Attend every class.** Every day you are here is an opportunity to learn, practice, and build the skills you need for your career. Missing class can mean missing important instruction and hands-on training.

💼 **Be professional.** Treat your instructors, classmates, staff, and future coworkers with respect. Communicate appropriately, follow policies, come prepared, and take responsibility for your actions.

📱 **Communicate when you cannot attend.** If an emergency or unexpected situation prevents you from coming to class, follow your program's attendance procedures and notify your instructor as soon as possible.

🎯 **Remember:** Your attendance is part of your professional reputation. Employers look for people who are dependable, responsible, punctual, and committed.

NEED HELP WITH FAFSA?
WE'VE GOT YOU!

LAST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH
Time: 3:00 pm
Room: M111

WE CAN HELP YOU:

- UNDERSTAND THE FAFSA: We'll walk you through the process step-by-step.
- CREATE YOUR FSA ID: Get help setting up your account.
- COMPLETE YOUR FAFSA: We're here to answer questions and guide you.
- UNLOCK FINANCIAL AID: Take advantage of money available to help you succeed!

Students/Parents: Please prepare to bring in
1. 2024 tax returns for the 2026-2027 FAFSA.
2. Working and reachable E-mail
3. Social Security Numbers

* Parents without a SSN can still create a FAFSA account.

IMPORTANT DATES

Basic Life Support - September 26th
NCCT Exam - September 26th

Orientations

SEPT. 2ND 4 PM, ONLINE - 4 PM, RM M-104 - DENTAL
SEPT. 10TH 12 PM, ONLINE - COURT REPORTING STENO & VOICE
SEPT. 10TH 3 PM, RM L71 CLINICAL MEDICAL ASST.
SEPT. 11TH 1 PM, RM M-111 MEDICAL ASSISTANT SPECIALIST
SEPT. 14TH 6 PM, ONLINE - MEDICAL BILLER AND CODER
SEPT. 14TH 4 PM, RM M-111 - ESTHETICIAN
SEPT. 16TH 4 PM, RM M-111 - MASSAGE THERAPY
SEPT. 16TH 3 PM, RM L-72 - EMT- EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN
SEPT. 21ST 6 PM, ONLINE - MEDICAL ASSISTANT SPECIALIST HYBRID
SEPT. 23RD 4 PM, RM M-107 - MEDICAL BILLER & CODER HYBRID
SEPT. 23RD 4 PM, RM M-104 - DENTAL ASSISTANT
SEPT. 25TH 1 PM, RM M-111 - CMA/ MEDICAL ASSISTANT SPECIALIST
SEPT. 30TH 6 PM, ONLINE - PARALEGAL

August Birthdays

Mary Balmages	Arthur Anderson
Mona Doshay	Johnny Knight
Richard Monte	Sarah Yoo
Virginia Groeneveld	Cesar Tapia
Alex Valencia	Rita Salcido



You are not just attending school—you are preparing for your career.

Show up. Be on time. Be professional. Build the habits that will help you succeed in the workforce!

— Downey Adult School

A BETTER FUTURE STARTS HERE.

Congratulations, ANGELA!

STUDENT Highlight

ANGELA ALVAREZ

**CERTIFIED MEDICAL ASSISTANT
& CERTIFIED PHLEBOTOMY TECHNICIAN**

The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.
— Eleanor Roosevelt

PROUD ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Earned both my **Medical Assistant** and **Phlebotomy** certifications
- Volunteered at a hospital to gain **valuable** experience
- Hired as a **Medical Assistant** at PIH Downey Multispecialty Clinic

THANK YOU!

A big thank you to Ms. V and Mr. Page for their incredible support, encouragement, and guidance throughout my journey. You believed in me and helped me believe in myself!

NEVER GIVE UP ON YOUR DREAMS!

Angela faced self-doubt and the fear of failing, but she didn't let that stop her. With hard work, determination, and the support of her instructors, she turned her dreams into reality. Her story is a reminder that perseverance truly makes a difference!

Your hard work. Your future. Your success.

SKILLS GAINED

Clinical skills, patient care, blood draws, vital signs, medical office procedures, communication, confidence, and professionalism.

CAREER GOALS

To continue growing as a Medical Assistant, gain experience in different specialties, and take on greater responsibilities in healthcare.

ADVICE TO FUTURE STUDENTS

Don't let fear or self-doubt stop you. Stay committed, ask for help, and remember—every challenge is part of your journey!

MOST PROUD OF

Passing both Medical Assistant and Phlebotomy certification exams through hard work and determination.

You can do it!
DOWNEY ADULT SCHOOL
CHANGING LIVES. BUILDING FUTURES.

FAVORITE CLASS:
Medical Assistant & Phlebotomy

ONE WORD TO DESCRIBE DAS:
LIFE-CHANGING

Supporting our K-12 families at Back-To-School Nights by connecting parents with helpful resources, information, and support as they prepare their next step toward achieving their educational and career goals.



STAY CONNECTED

Visit our office or contact us if you have questions.

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