



NURSING ASSISTANT is one of several outstanding allied health programs. at Mt. Hood.

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## Refresher training updates skills

If you're a retired registered nurse who'd like to update your skills and return to the profession, Mt. Hood Community College offers an attractive stepping-stone.

It's a one-term course called RN Refresher and it's being offered fall term.

Only one of its kind in Oregon, the Mt. Hood program is designed for RN's wanting to update their nursing skills and for those nurses who need supervised experience for licensure.

"The job market for nurses is somewhat tight right now and that seems to scare many prospective nurses," says Mrs. Winona Middlestedt, MHCC nursing instructor.

"But, retired nurses who are serious about furthering their profession and updating their skills are having little or no trouble finding good jobs and being extremely happy with them," she adds.

"In short, jobs are there for

those nurses who want them," Mrs. Middlestedt observes.

Much of the RN Refresher Program is clinical, on-the-job training. Local hospitals serve as a ready training ground.

Each hospital provides a supervisor and an MHCC coordinator visits each facility weekly to correlate class instruction with clinical experience.

A major asset of the program is the nurse's chance to update her skills and knowledge without being responsible immediately to a specific position.

The Mt. Hood offering is approved by the Oregon State Board of Nursing.

Additionally, it has experienced a much higher degree of success in nurse placement than had previously been experienced by hospitals.

For more information, contact Cheryl Naman at 666-1561, ext. 123.



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