

# CONTINUING YOUR EDUCATION . . .

## Scholarships: Natives studying in health care

■ IHS Scholarships for Academic Year 2000-2001 application deadline April 3, 2000.

These are highly valued awards which do not require parental financial contribution to the cost of the student's health career education program.

Application packets are available at the Grand Ronde Health Center or the nearest Indian Health Service Office in Portland. Scholarships are available on a competitive basis in the following categories:

### Health Professions Preparatory Scholarships

**Eligibility:** American Indian or Alaskan Native (enrolled tribal members or unenrolled descendants of members); high school graduate or equivalent; capacity to complete a health professions course of study; be enrolled or accepted for enrollment in a compensatory or pre-professional general education course or curriculum; intend to serve Native people.

Preparatory Scholarships provide financial assistance to enroll in courses that will prepare students for acceptance into health professions schools, (nursing, pharmacy, etc.).

#### Priority Categories:

- ◆ **Pre-Nursing** — preparatory for entry into a BS degree program in Nursing.
- ◆ **Pre-Medical Technology** — preparatory for entry into a BS degree program in Medical Technology.
- ◆ **Pre-Pharmacy** — preparatory to entry into a BS degree program in Pharmacy.
- ◆ **Pre-Dietetics** — preparatory to entry into a BS degree program in Dietetics.

◆ **Pre-Social Work** — preparatory to entry into a Master's degree program.

◆ **Pre-Physical Therapy** — preparatory to entry into a BS degree program in Physical Therapy.

### Health Professions Pre-graduate Scholarships

Provides financial support for American Indian and Alaskan Native students (enrolled tribal members or unenrolled descendants of members) to enroll in courses leading to a Bachelor's degree in specific pre-professional areas (Pre-Medicine and Pre-Dentistry only). The applicant must be accepted by and/or enrolled in a Bachelor's degree program which, upon completion, will qualify him/her for entry into an accredited medical, osteopathic, or dental school. Priority for funding will be given to college students in their junior and senior years.

### Health Professions Scholarships

Provides financial assistance to American Indian and Alaskan Native students (enrolled tribal members only) who are enrolled in Health Professions or Allied Health Professions programs.

**Payback Requirement:** Health Professions Scholarships have contractual service obligations and payback requirements upon acceptance of scholarship funds.

#### Priority Health Career Categories:

- ◆ Medicine ◆ Nursing (BSN, AD, MSN) ◆ Pharmacy ◆ Dietetics (BS)

- ◆ Public Health Nutrition (Master's)
- ◆ Medical Technologist (BS) ◆ Dentistry ◆ Health Education (Master's)
- ◆ Medical Social Work (Master's) ◆ Chemical Dependency Counseling ◆ Nurse Practitioner ◆ Nurse Midwife ◆ Physician Assistants ◆ Master's in Public Health ◆ Clinical Psychology (PhD only) ◆ Coding Specialist (certificate) ◆ Optometry ◆ Physical Therapy (graduate or undergraduate) ◆ Radiology Technology (certificate, AA, or BS) ◆ Respiratory Therapist (AA) ◆ Ultrasonographer ◆ Health Records Administration (RRT or ART) ◆ Paroptometrics ◆ Podiatry (DPM).

### BENEFITS of IHS Scholarship Programs

Contingent on the availability of funds to be appropriated by Congress annually.

**Stipend:** \$1,018 monthly for living expenses for the period of school year for Preparatory and Pre-graduate Scholarship awardees, prorated for part-time students. Health Professions Scholarship awardees will receive monthly stipends for a 12 month period.

**Tuition and Fees:** IHS will make direct payment to the school for the full cost of tuition and required fees of the school year, excluding summer school.

**Other Reasonable Expenses:** IHS will pay a lump sum amount to presumptively pay the cost of travel, books, and other necessary expenses. IHS will not pay commuting or any parking costs. Tutorial costs up to \$400 may be paid directly to the student.

## STUDENT REMINDERS

**1** Please complete, make copies and mail off your Federal Financial Aid 2000/2001 application immediately. A copy of this application is due at the tribal Education department by February 15th of each academic year.

**2** Submit a copy of your Fall Term/Semester 1999 grade report or call the tribal Education department to make arrangements for repayment of funding received to attend school Fall Term/Semester 1999, whichever applies.

**3** Submit a copy of your Winter Term/Spring Semester class schedule if you have not done so.

**4** Deadline date to apply to the Adult Vocational Training and Higher Education programs are as follows:

**July 1st** -----

**Fall Term / Semester**

**November 1st** -----

**Winter Term / Semester**

**February 1st** -----

**Spring Term / Semester**

**5** Tribal Trust Fund Scholarship application **deadline is April 30, 2000.** Scholarships range in amount from \$3,000 to \$7,000. Tribal scholarships are renewable as long as academic and attendance requirements are met. Scholarships are available in the following categories:

- **Graduate**, full-time and half-time
- **Undergraduate**, full-time and half-time
- **Vocational**, full-time and half-time
- **Eula Petite**, full-time education at Junior level.

## What does Short Term, Distance & Continuing Education have to offer?

By Deena LaRue

Many tribal members are taking college classes and training courses under the Continuing Education program and are successfully completing their classes with high academic standing! Get ready for Spring Term and look into the workshops, seminars and classes that will enrich and enhance your professional opportunities!

Established in 1994, the program initially offered short-term training for employment positions with the casino.

It was expanded in 1995/96 to include Distance Education by offering Chemeketa Community College courses at Grand Ronde for Freshman/Sophomore level of two to four credit-hour classes. That opened the door for other educational institutions and opportunities for members seeking education assistance for skill development, job enhancement, work-related seminars, workshop training and college classes.

In 1996/1997, the program included Continuing Education by offering classes to members who were seeking a degree while attending on a part-time basis.

In 1997, the program branched out to include CTV classes with Chemeketa Community College; additional institutional Distance & Continuing programs to include junior/senior college level classes and a Master's degree program.

The program collaborates with community colleges, universities, private training institutes and other tribal programs to develop educational opportunities to meet the needs of tribal members who are interested in receiving a degree, seeking job enhancement courses, specialized training sessions and/or cultural enrichment courses.

#### Some innovative ways of taking classes are:

■ **WEB COURSES** — for anyone who has access to the Internet, a Web browser and an active e-mail account to access course material, communication with the instructor and e-mail discussions with other students. The Portland State University Master's Degree classes are held in the Governance classroom during the evening.

■ **VIDEO COURSES** — you can purchase or rent and view it from any

television. Many courses require a workbook and communication is via mail and e-mail.

■ **INTERACTIVE TELEVISION (ITV) COURSES** — that links different classroom sites by satellite to the instructor at another location. Such as the education classroom at Grand Ronde. A two-way video and audio are used to facilitate discussion.

■ **INDIVIDUALIZED DIRECTED LEARNING (IDL)** — includes one-on-one instruction using e-mail, fax and/or telephone communication with your instructor.

■ **ON-SITE COURSES** — are taught in the traditional classroom setting by instructors who commute to designated locations away from the campus, such as Grand Ronde's computer classroom.

■ **TRADITIONAL CLASSROOM SETTING** — for those who seek the regular classroom teaching and learning methods.

#### Eligibility and Requirements

- All tribal members who seek education on a part-time basis.
- Meet policy and procedure requirements of the education and training institutions and the Short Term, Distance & Education program.
- Complete the application packet and provide all required documentation to determine eligibility.
- Funding is limited and restricted to tuition, fees and books, therefore, supplemental funding to address other financial needs must be sought from other resources.

The program provides individuals various ways to pursue a higher education, on a part-time basis, by allowing each person to choose a training program and/or educational institute tailored and flexible enough to meet their specific educational needs.

You can access the Internet to search for schools from any state and some schools offer on-line access to registration and unofficial copies of transcripts.

Those interested in specific information about their educational goals, please contact the tribal Education department at 1-800-422-0232, ext. 4591 or (503) 879-4591 and ask for Deena.