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Rhodes State College Offering Sleep Technology Certificate

LIMA, Ohio – People who suffer from sleep apnea are three to five times more likely as non-sufferers to be involved in a car accident. Approximately four percent of women and nine percent of men have significant obstructive sleep apnea. Sleep apnea may lead to high blood pressure and stroke.

Because so many suffer from sleep apnea, Rhodes State is offering a new certificate in Sleep Technology for health professionals wanting to be employed in a sleep laboratory. “The understanding of how pervasive sleep disorders are in our society has led to a rapid increase in need for sleep professionals with many new sleep laboratories opening in our region. The treatment for sleep disorders can significantly impact the quality of life for those who seek help from these centers. Rhodes State is happy to be apart of this improvement in health care within our community,” said Rick Woodfield, Dean of the Rhodes’ Division of Allied Health.

Accredited by the American Academy of Sleep Medicine, the certificate consists of a seven-credit course, Introduction to Sleep Studies. Practitioners who complete this course will also be required to work in a paid internship for a minimum of six months prior to being eligible for the Board of Registered Polysomnographic Technologists (BRPT) examination to become a Registered Polysomnographic Technologist (RPSGT). This course is open to already credentialed allied health persons such as LPN, RN, Paramedics, EMT, Respiratory Therapists, OTA, and PTA.

The course will be held on Thursdays, January 4-March 12 from 9:00 a.m. - 5:25 p.m. and two additional days (February 1 and 22) for laboratory training. For admissions information, please call Pam Halfhill at (419) 995-8879.

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