

# HealthCare Happenings

Newsletter of the Regional Business Services Healthcare Team

## The Dynamics of a Healthcare Career

Amy Evans, MA, has extensive experience in workforce development and community health. Her role as the Professional Development and Education Coordinator, at Portland Community College's Institute for Health Professionals (PCC IHP), allows her to blend her passion for the healthcare industry and help people advance their careers.

The PCC IHP serves close to 6,000 students each year. Some of the courses they offer are Entry Level Phlebotomy, Certified Nursing Assistant I and 2, Patient Access Specialist, and Pharmacy Technician. They also offer professional development courses for Paramedics and Dental Hygienists, as well as Integrative Nutrition and Herbalism programs.

The advice Amy would give to someone considering a career in healthcare would be to explore, "Why are you interested in healthcare?" Then, choose the aspect of healthcare that is the best fit. "As with all careers, it is important to consider your personal interests and aspirations. Healthcare offers a wide variety of jobs, ranging from patient care to research to technology." Amy gave an example of coaching health students to help them make care decisions. She listened for the juncture of their personal passions and career aspirations, then guided them accordingly. Amy's advice to anyone is, "You will be the most successful in your career if it aligns with who you are." Amy and her colleagues are working on developing certifications for senior care, mental health, and drug and alcohol behavioral health.

What would a perfect day for Amy be outside of work? Amy enjoys spending time outside, especially hiking or canoeing.



Amy Evans

Ready to reach the summit of your healthcare career? Check out PCC-IHP at [www.pcc.edu/climb/health](http://www.pcc.edu/climb/health).



## Featured Job:

**MyMusicRX  
In-Hospital Supervisor**  
(Job Listing ID# 1499861)

You are a musician and vocalist who can play a variety of instruments to bring comfort and joy to children, teens, and family members under stress or in pain. You also show leadership and supervisory skills for your team of in-hospital specialists, music professionals and volunteers. Join one of the best nonprofits to work for in Oregon. Their innovative programs create joy, one moment at a time. They are all about today, and they specialize on the moment, delivering immediate help to kids and teens facing life-threatening illness.

## Training offered!

**Medical Biller**

(Job Listing ID# 1496268)

Join a family-oriented chiropractic clinic in NE Portland. The practice is over 25 years old, and there is opportunity for you to be trained as a chiropractic assistant if you are interested!

**Scheduler**

(Job Listing ID# 1499744)

The Scheduler is a key position in maintaining a smooth operation once a new client for this in-home care agency is taken into service. You must be comfortable working with computers and phone systems. You are also open to assisting the HR Manager as needed.



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## Ambulatory Health Care Subsector: Dispelling a Myth (or why one shouldn't limit a job search to just the large hospitals)

One common myth regarding where the best jobs in health care are found is that they are only found in large hospitals or what is called "in-patient" care. The term "in-patient" care refers to when patients can be admitted to spend one or more nights in the hospital.

There certainly is a greater diversity of job opportunities in a single hospital and "upward-mobility" opportunities. However, the reality is that there are as many if not more opportunities in the "ambulatory" health care industry, clinics and private consultation offices. The difference is that opportunities for advancement usually will require applying at another clinic. In both cases people have to apply and compete for the job opportunities.

### But don't they pay more at the larger hospitals?

**No!** Wages for healthcare practitioners in ambulatory care facilities is very competitive with those of hospitals. Here are some other facts about ambulatory healthcare jobs:

- \*more family friendly schedules*
- \*fewer stressful situations*
- \*more personal relationship with patients, all of which translates into less turnover*

To see data on employment and wages in the ambulatory and outpatient industry subsector and or to compare to the same data for hospitals, go to [www.qualityinfo.org](http://www.qualityinfo.org) and under the menu tab of "Business & Industry" select the "Industry Profile" tool and select your area and the industry you want data for.

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### HIRING EVENT FOR 2016!

**Mirabella** in Italian means "beautiful vision." Residents enjoy resort-like living in a 30 story complex and access to wood-working, an art studio and library. There is a fitness center and residents can have their pets with them.

For more information go to:

[www.pacificretirement.com/careers](http://www.pacificretirement.com/careers)

**Mirabella is hiring CNAs, Valets, Food Servers, and a Maintenance Technician.**

**The ambulatory healthcare industry employment is growing faster than hospital employment. Ambulatory healthcare includes both medical and dental clinics, laboratories, radiological and imaging services, chiropractors, naturopathic and alternative medicine, and more. It does not include nursing facilities which is its own subsector.**

### Come and meet MIRABELLA!

**January 12, 2016**

**Tuesday, 11 am to 2 pm**

**Mirabella's Willamette Hall**

**3550 SW Bond Avenue**

**Portland, Oregon 97239**

Please bring a resume and be dressed for an interview. Mirabella is accessible by Tri-Met bus line 35 or streetcar line N.S.

Some employee perks include a Tri-Met/Max pass, access to fitness facilities, onsite bicycle repair station, and free soda.



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*"The secret of health for both mind and body is not to mourn for the past, nor to worry about the future, but to live the present moment wisely and earnestly."*

**Gautama Buddha**

Here's a job for an  
ambulatory care facility:

### Medical Assistant

(Job Listing ID# 1500504)

Work for an established medically-supervised weight-loss clinic in expansion. Our team seeks an experienced medical assistant with a positive attitude, a genuine interest in helping people, who is committed, proactive and focused on excellent patient care and interested in supporting patients' weight loss & wellness. The clinic is in Tigard, with easy access to 99W. Full-time position with a competitive wage and excellent benefits.

