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**GROSSMONT COLLEGE WELCOME BACK PROGRAM
HOSTS INFORMATION MEETING MARCH 18
INTERNATIONAL HEALTH CARE WORKERS INVITED**

El Cajon – Grossmont College invites former International Health Care workers to attend an information meeting Friday, March 18, 6 p.m. at room 220 on the college campus, 8800 Grossmont College Drive, El Cajon. Free parking is available in Lot 1.

The purpose of the Welcome Back program is to provide counseling and educational program opportunities to international health care graduates (IMGs) who wish to work in health care in California. The program is supported by The California Endowment and the U.S. health Resources and Services Administration, and currently assists more than 3,100 IMGs from more than 100 countries participating in the statewide Welcome Back program.

Because California is experiencing a shortage of health care professionals, especially those with bilingual skills, the Grossmont College project pioneered an accelerated curriculum for to help IMGs train as registered nurses. The first cohort of 35 new nurses was graduated in December.

According to Grossmont College President, Dr. Ted Martinez Jr., “It is a pleasure to welcome international healthcare graduates to the Grossmont College campus for this important meeting. We are happy to have this important role as the Regional Health Occupations Resource Center, assisting talented professionals re-establish a career in health care, and are grateful for the support of The California Endowment.”

Individuals trained as health care workers outside the United States are invited to attend a free informational Welcome Back meeting Friday, March 18, to learn more about the opportunities available. Interested participants may register by calling 619-409-6417.

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