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**GROSSMONT COLLEGE 'WELCOME BACK' PROGRAM**  
**OFFERS SPRING CLASSES TO ASSIST**  
**INTERNATIONAL HEALTH CARE WORKERS**

**El Cajon** – In a continuing effort to help fill the healthcare worker pipeline, Grossmont College announces the lineup of spring classes offered to assist internationally trained workers transition to local healthcare employment. According to Grossmont College President Dr. Ted Martinez, Jr., “We are pleased to announce these new opportunities to help fill the urgent need in our local communities and regional healthcare facilities for trained workers, especially those with bilingual skills.”

**Accelerated Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA) – Nursing Career Ladder: Level 1**

Begins January 5 at 5 p.m. for Orientation. Classes are held Fridays 5 – 9 p.m. and Saturdays 7 a.m. -3:30 p.m. January 13 to April 29, 2006 on the Grossmont College Health Occupations campus. Participants must first enroll through the Welcome Back Center in Bonita.

Call 619-409-6417 or go to [www.welcomebackcenter.org](http://www.welcomebackcenter.org).

**Review for National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN and NCLEX-PN)**

This 10-week review course begins January 14 and will take place on Saturdays and Sundays, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. at Grossmont College. The course will be taught by nurses experienced in managing the care of patients in specialty areas such as maternity, psychiatry, and medical-

surgical. Pre-requisites include a mid point ESL score on exam to be taken at the Welcome Back Center. For more information and to register, contact the Welcome Back Center in Bonita, 3955 Bonita Road, Building A, first floor, call 619-409-6417, or go to [www.welcomebackcenter.org](http://www.welcomebackcenter.org).

**English for Health Care Professionals** is an eight-week non-credit course begins January 24 on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. – 9:50 p.m. on the Grossmont College campus. The course, which will run through March 16, is specially designed for internationally-trained healthcare workers and will be taught in English. It is a pre-requisite for Welcome Back participants seeking advanced healthcare training programs. Participants may enroll by calling the Welcome Back Center at 619-409-6417. The course section is #5768.

**Occupational English Class (Vocational ESL)** is a free eight-week course custom-designed for all levels of health care which begins February 22 and runs through April 12, every Monday and Wednesday, 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. ESL students will learn the basic vocabulary and communication skills necessary to perform a job in the healthcare field. The course is interactive and will be taught in English. Students must be Welcome Back participants and may register at the Welcome Back Center by calling 619-409-6417.

**National Council Licensure Examination Prep Course** is designed for internationally trained Spanish-speaking nurses who are Welcome Back program participants. The review courses helps those who are licensed in their country or origin prepare for the national exam. The course will be held at the Welcome Back Center in Bonita February 25-April 22 every Saturday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. A similar course will be in El Centro beginning February 22 through April 5 on Wednesdays, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., at the One Stop Employment Services building, 2695 S.

4<sup>th</sup> Street, Building D, 92243. Students may register by calling the Welcome Back Center, 619-409-6417, or by contacting Perla Lopez at 619-409-6272.

**Introduction to U.S. Healthcare** is an eight-week non-credit class specifically designed to assist internationally-trained health care professionals in learning about healthcare practices in the U.S. The course begins March 20, runs through May 17 and will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. The course will be held on the Grossmont College campus and will be taught by the director of the Grossmont College Regional Health Occupations Center, (RHORC) Bob Yarris. The section number is #5748. The course will be taught in English and is a pre-requisite for Welcome Back participants seeking advanced healthcare training. For more information, contact the Welcome Back Center, 619-409-6417, or go to [www.welcomebackcenter.org](http://www.welcomebackcenter.org).

The regional Welcome Back program and its International Health Worker Assistance Center is hosted by Grossmont College. Programs are supported by The California Endowment, The California Wellness Foundation, and the Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA).

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