

**Stockton and Philadelphia Universities  
Welcome Physician Assistant Studies Students**

Stockton Hosts Orientation for First Atlantic City Cohort

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This is a wonderful experience for both institutions. This is a public/private partnership, across Kesselman as he welcomed the 22 incoming Physician Assistant students.

We are thankful to Shore Medi Ronald Johnson, CEO, and David Hughes, CFO, both Stockton alumni, for providing the use of gross anatomy lab until the opening of in Unified Science Center<sup>2</sup>, he added.

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classes at their respective campuses July 20.

This is just one example of the innovative programs and academic excellence that are part of a Dr. Kesselman said affiliation that will guarantee a preeminent program in a field where there is a growing need for highly skilled individual

Physician Assistants are professionals who practice medicine on teams with physicians and other providers. Some of their responsibilities include taking medical histories; performing physical examinations; ordering or performing lab and other diagnostic tests; prescribing medications; developing a treatment plan and performing health-related counseling. Demand for PAs is expected to skyrocket in the coming decade, as more patients are covered under the Affordable Care Act.

The graduate courses will be will be done in Atlantic City with Reliance and at other health care sites in the surrounding communities.

Stockton University provides a great opportunity for students to obtain what *Forbes* magazine program and ral Arts.

*Forbes* cited Bureau of Labor Statistics data projecting a 30 percent rise in PA employment opportunities by 2020.

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In addition to providing classroom space for the graduate students at the Carnegie Center in Atlantic City, Stockton has admitted 12 high school graduates as freshmen in the program beginning this fall. In the future, Stockton plans to expand the program to admit 20 students, Dean Bartolotta explained.

students who want to combine a love of science with an interest in work that is truly patient-centered. We are very proud of this innovative partnership between our institutions, which enables us

Incoming Physician Assistant student Jesse Collier relocated his family to southern New Jersey, including a nine-week old daughter, from Las Vegas, Nev. to begin the program.

an emergency room nurse.

West Coast universities and education. The faculty and student body are committed to the common goal to serve the public. Everyone involved with this program has been extremely welcoming and warm.

The Philadelphia University program eventually will accommodate 40 students, half from Stockton and half from other schools, Dean Bartolotta said.

Dr. Matt Dane Baker, provost and dean of the faculty at PhilaU and a Stockton undergraduate alumnus, has been instrumental in this project.

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