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COLLEGE OF MARIN WINS STATE APPROVAL FOR PHLEBOTOMY CERTIFICATE *Strong Demand for the Program from Students and Employers*

KENTFIELD, Calif., April 23, 2006—College of Marin has won State approval to add a phlebotomy certificate to its medical assisting course offerings. The new certificate program will provide students with up-to-date information and the necessary techniques and skills for the safe and effective blood collection procedures, related safety measures, legal, ethical and patient care issues. The College anticipates the new program to begin in spring 2007.

Hospitals, medical clinics, and labs need certified phlebotomists to draw blood for testing. Demand for phlebotomy programs has grown following implementation of California law requiring all medical professionals who draw blood be State certified to do so. Students who complete College of Marin's program will be eligible to apply for State certification.

"This program will help address Marin's shortage of phlebotomists," says Rosalind Hartman, College of Marin's Director of Health Sciences.

The new phlebotomy certificate program will be open to credit students. The program will take one semester to complete, and include lecture and lab instruction and practical lab experience. No prerequisites are required. Phlebotomy students will learn about anatomy, physiology, microbiology, phlebotomy equipment, and related State and federal regulations.

People interested in additional information about the phlebotomy program may contact Carol Lacy, coordinator of the College's Medical Assistant program, at carol.lacy@marin.cc.ca.us or 415-457-8811 x8536.

About College of Marin

College of Marin has been providing exceptional educational opportunities for students of all ages since 1926. Each semester, nearly 8,000 students are enrolled in over 1,100 credit classes. An additional 6,000 students take advantage of the College's many outstanding community education and community services classes. The College administration is located in Kentfield, CA. The College also operates the Indian Valley campus in Novato, CA. College of Marin is fully accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges