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Baldy View ROP receives grant to promote Pharmacy Technician course

The State of California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office, through the Health Workforce Initiative (HWI), has awarded Baldy View ROP a \$5,000 grant to promote the Pharmacy Technician course held at the Career Training Center in Ontario. The HWI is an initiative of the California Community College's Economic and Workforce Development program designed to support California's health industry through business innovations. A key goal of the HWI is to bridge the skills gap with available jobs that currently exist within the healthcare industry.

Baldy View ROP's Pharmacy Technician course is available to adults as well as high school students. The curriculum includes an internship and equips students with entry-level and advanced skills for employment in community, clinical, or hospital pharmacies. The course also prepares students for the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board National Exam and has an articulation agreement with Mt. San Antonio College and San Bernardino Valley College, enabling students to earn community college credit.

According to the California Employment Development Department, the job outlook for pharmacy technicians will see continued growth. The median hourly wage for a pharmacy technician in 2014 was \$18.48 an hour according to the State Employment Development Department.

For more information about the Pharmacy Technician course or Baldy View ROP, please call 909-947-3400 or visit www.baldyviewrop.com.