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EXCITING NEW CLASS IN QUALITY AT CAROLINAS COLLEGE

Charlotte, NC – Healthcare is changing at an unprecedented rate due to the Affordable Care Act, accountable care expectations, technology, economics, and patient expectations. The pace of change is so rapid that textbooks are useless. But with Carolinas College's three 1-credit modules you'll learn from healthcare executives how "quality care" is defined, measured, assured, and delivered. You'll learn how and why care is moving out of the hospitals and into the home, group settings, and even being delivered virtually. Our hands-on component will show you how high risk, high utilization patient populations are being cared for through a new and effective medical home model. Each module meets just three times: two 3-hour lectures on consecutive Thursday afternoons, and one Friday half-day field experience. Don't miss this opportunity to see quality through the eyes of healthcare executives and decision makers. No prerequisites; no required sequencing.

The new course is titled Special Topics: Transforming Healthcare and is offered in three modules.

Module 01 - Quality: Patient Safety & Infection Prevention Carolinas HealthCare System executives specializing in quality in the acute care setting describe the laser-sharp focus hospitals are using to provide accountable care. Special attention is on preventing hospital-acquired infection and other aspects of patient safety. Meets May 22, 29 & 30

Module 02 - Quality: Assessing & Measuring it Carolinas HealthCare System executives who specialize in quality describe how managers inspire, measure, and assure quality in the acute care setting. Meets June 5, 6 & 12

Module 03 - Quality Care Beyond the Hospital Walls

To be affordable, more health care must be delivered outside hospital walls. Carolinas HealthCare System executives describe the adoption of virtual care, group care, the medical home concept, and primary care as vehicles to population health. Learn about an innovative program that's delivering high quality care to high risk/high utilization populations - where they live! Meets June 19, 26 & 27

You can register for Module 01 through Wednesday, May 21 (and the other modules prior to their first class meeting) by calling Joy Godwin at 704-355-5051 or at Joy.Godwin@carolinascollege.edu. *The college offers a 25% tuition discount for CHS employees.*

<u>Carolinas College of Health Sciences</u> (www.CarolinasCollege.edu), recently ranked the number one twoyear college in the nation for two consecutive years, offers programs in many areas of health care. Graduates consistently exceed state and national certification testing benchmarks, demonstrating their exceptional preparedness in careers such as medical laboratory science, nursing, radiation therapy, histology, radiologic technology, and surgical technology. The College also offers individual courses in the sciences and liberal arts as well as continuing education programs in professional skills and integrative medicine. Carolinas College offers student access to the Carolinas Simulation Center, a rich collection of high fidelity human patient simulators and procedural task trainers.

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