Event: Bakersfield College Partners with UCLA to Increase Public Health Workforce
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Bakersfield College Partners with University of Los Angeles California to Increase Public Health Workforce
Information Session October 30th, 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

University of Los Angeles California (UCLA) will be at Bakersfield College to promote a program aimed at encouraging individuals from underserved and underrepresented communities to learn more about career opportunities in public health and increase the diversity of the public health workforce through a grant from the Center for Disease Control (CDC). In Fall of 2017, Bakersfield College started the first public health science major and views this competitive program as an exciting opportunity for all Kern County undergraduate students.

The informational session will be on Monday, October 30, 2017 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Bakersfield College Student Government Board Conference Room and is open to BC students, CSU Bakersfield Students, and community partners.

The information session will kick-off by highlighting the new BC Public Health Sciences degree and BC’s partnership with the UCLA Public Health Scholars Training Program to increase the diversity of the public health workforce. UCLA representatives will be at BC to share opportunities for BC students; the CDC funded project, what a career in public health looks like, and information on the MPH program at UCLA Fielding School of Public Health. The UCLA Public Health Scholars Training Program will place undergraduate students (Scholars) at public health organizations or agencies within the Los Angeles community and contribute to public health efforts three days a week, exposing Scholars to the spectrum of public health practice in the field. For the remaining two days per week, Scholars will attend workshops and engage in structured educational opportunities, develop leadership and professional skills, and cultivate mentoring relationships with public health professionals, graduate students, and faculty. 35 Scholars per year over the next five years will be selected to participate in the program, which also includes a stipend.

In addition, Bakersfield College Public Health Science program enrolled the first public health science majors this Fall 2017. The informational session will also provide an overview of the public health science major and upcoming health navigator certificate with an emphasis on the pathway and how to enter the public health workforce.

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