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Register for spring semester now

Online registration for the general public opened today for the spring semester. Course offerings can be viewed at the homepage of the KPC Web site and registration can be initiated clicking on UAOnline.

Admitted, degree-seeking students were able to register in an early, priority session that began at 12 a.m. Nov. 10. Early registration is important for students who need certain classes to complete their degrees. Much effort went into promoting the opportunity and according to KPC Director Gary Turner, the message was received loud and clear.

“After only eleven hours of registration, KPC already had 2,285 student credit hours, which is 24 percent of the total academic student credit hours at the end of spring '08,” said Turner.

For the upcoming spring semester, the Kenai River Campus is offering multiple sections of the most popular general education classes required by almost all degree and certificate programs. These are the classes that generally fill rapidly and students who wait to register are often disappointed to find they cannot get into the classes they counted on.

Kenai River Campus nursing students mark achievement

Eleven KRC students will take part in a pinning ceremony that celebrates their successful completion of the UAA associate of applied science registered nurse program. The event will take place from 7 to 9 p.m., Nov. 22 in room 107 of the Ward Building.

These students can attest to the fact that this program is rigorous and very competitive. The application process for the program requires students complete prerequisites, score adequately on the Nursing Entrance Test and meet well-defined standards. Each applicant is ranked and only those with the highest scores are accepted.

The key to finding success in the KPC/UAA nursing program is adequate preparation. Prospective students who don't get sufficient advising are often disappointed.

“It takes most students one to two years to acquire the credentials for a complete application with a real chance of being accepted,” Dr. David Wartinbee, professor of biology and nursing program co-advisor, said.

There is an incoming cohort of 14 students starting the nursing program at KRC in January. To help the new students get on track, they will be attending a seminar with the graduating class titled “Reality Shock-Transition From a Pre-Nursing Student to Being a Nursing Student.”

Lynn Senette, assistant professor of nursing and coordinator of the program at KRC, designed the seminar to give the incoming and outgoing classes the opportunity to interact. The new students benefit from heartfelt advice from the graduating students.

Great American Smokeout

Despite the fact that smoking among college students is at the lowest percentage since 1980, college students remain the most likely age group to smoke when compared to other Americans, according to a recent report released by the American Lung Association.

The Peninsula Smokefree Partnership reminds the campus community that the Great American Smokeout will be held on Nov. 20. The event began in 1977 and is designed to draw attention to the deaths and chronic diseases caused by smoking.

For more information, contact the Peninsula Smokefree Partnership at 262-3682 or e-mail tcap@alaska.net.