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**South Bay Workforce Investment Board  
Joins with West Los Angeles College to Conduct a Project  
Identifying Regional Allied Health Training Options and Needs**

**HAWTHORNE** – West Los Angeles College (WLAC) has contracted with the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) to serve as a convener for a two-year project of current Allied Health training options at 13 community colleges throughout Los Angeles County and determine what areas could be improved or new options initiated to meet the changing needs of the healthcare industry.

The SBWIB has initiated monthly virtual meetings comprised of representatives from the community colleges, industry partners and associations to explore collaboration opportunities. Included among the goals of the project are: create a digital brochure of all allied health programs throughout the county; creation of new courses and certificates in allied health; and, establish employer partnerships with the industry to provide internships, externships, employment and/or apprenticeships.

Allied health professions fall outside of the traditional healthcare professions of doctors, nurses, pharmacists and dentists, and are identified in two broad categories which are technicians (assistants) and therapists/technologists. Technicians are trained to perform procedures and their education lasts less than two years.

“West LA College has always been an important partner with us in developing new programs to better prepare students for career pathways into high demand jobs,” said SWIB Executive Director Jan Vogel. “We appreciate their trust in us to convene this impressive collaboration of educators and healthcare partners to address training and preparation of future allied healthcare workers,” he concluded.

Included among the participating colleges in addition to WLAC are East Los Angeles, El Camino College, LA City College, LA Harbor College, LA Mission College, Pierce College, Southwest College, LA Trade – Technical College, Long Beach City College, Mt. San Antonio College, Pasadena City College, and Rio Hondo College.

The SBWIB provides no cost services to employers and job seekers through its four One-Stop Business and Career Centers that serve 11 South Bay communities. It also serves youth ages 14-24 at its two Teen Centers in Inglewood and Hawthorne. For further information go to [www.sbwib.org](http://www.sbwib.org) or call 310-970-7700.

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