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LCC is the Best Place for this “Best-Kept-Secret Career”

LANSSING - A recent US News & World Report listed “Surgical Technologist” as one of ten little-known careers with high ratings on job satisfaction, prestige, and pay. This week’s National Surgical Technologist Week will give Lansing Community College students an opportunity to change the profession’s best-kept-secret status and talk about why LCC is a great place to earn an associate degree in Surgical Technology.

Students, Jennifer Jacobs and Joshua Fournier will join Dr. Joseph Long, the program’s Academic Team Leader, on the Coffee Break morning show, Wednesday, Sept. 23 to share their personal experience in the LCC program and share some facts about the field. “As an example,” says Jacobs, “we dress the surgeons in sterile attire as they aren’t trained to put on such attire on their own.” Adds Fournier, “We are much more than instrument passers; we are advocates for the patients in the surgical setting.”

Asked what information he would most want to convey to the public, Long said, “The degree of training is much more rigorous than most people think. Our students are trained in many areas relative to structure and function of the human body. They know the surgical procedures and can anticipate the surgeon’s needs.” Long feels LCC students are particularly well-prepared for the operating room; they are observing surgical procedures within two weeks of being accepted into the program and have the opportunity to play a variety of roles within the surgical team, during the on-campus lab preparation phase of the program.

Lori Reasner, RN, BS, CNOR Bronson educational services instructor, has worked with students from the program since March 2008 and can attest to the quality of their work. “LCC students come to Bronson Methodist Hospital very well-prepared,” says Reasner. “The instructors and college have done a fantastic job preparing students with the skills needed to be successful in a changing healthcare environment.”

You can watch Dr. Long's Coffee Break interview between 9am and 10am on Comcast 15/31 or listen on LCC Radio 89.7 FM. For more information on the Surgical Technology program at Lansing Community College, contact Dr. Long at (517) 483-1432 or visit www.lcc.edu.

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