

## Joann Lee, Health Career Connection Intern at Mt SAC

Health Career Connection, Inc. (HCC), a partner of the Convergence is a national non-profit organization that has coordinated comprehensive paid summer internship programs since 2008. As a member of Convergence, Mt. San Antonio College, with the support from Dr. Scroggins and Dr. Malmgren, had agreed to sponsor a Health Career Connection intern. The partnership with HCC supported two goals/priorities of the Convergence—developing a “homegrown workforce” and increasing diversity.

Joann Lee, our HCC Intern, has completed her 10-week internship, spending the time between the Student Health Center and Disabled Student Programs & Services. Specifically, her assignment was to work partly in the Accessible Technology Center and partly in Student Health Services.

Joann’s primary point of contact and preceptor was Christine Tunstall, DSPS’ Acquired Brain Injury Specialist in the Accessible Technology Center (ATC), which houses the College’s Acquired Brain Injury program. Joann’s internship allowed her to work directly with faculty and the students with acquired brain injuries and learn about techniques to increase this population’s success on campus. Joann worked with a wide variety of levels of brain injury: from concussion, to mild cognitive issues, to aphasia, to more complicated cognitive disorders. She also worked with some bilingual brain injury survivors. This work included the opportunity to be exposed to and contribute directly to the collaborative efforts between Student Health Services and Disabled Student Programs & Services.

In Student Health Services, Joann was assigned to work with Marti Whitfield and the student health educators providing outreach and information regarding specific health issues that should be of concern to our students. An example of one such project was developing awareness about Seizure Disorders. Joann conducted research and developed a brochure for Student Health Services to provide information for students about the disorder. She also worked at an information table specifically to alert students about the disorder and how Student Health and Disability Services can assist to help students who need services.

Joann’s internship was valuable both for her future knowledge and to our college. She was able to complete multiple projects that have enriched her educational experience and benefited our diverse student populations.

