

15 weeks where it is our opinion that the training could be done in 8 weeks and the reverse of this is also true. Some agencies will give you more money for training materials, one agency will even pay for two uniforms if uniforms are required by the job, where another agency will not do this. It would seem to me that some uniformity in how this training is to be conducted should be developed in order to prevent a great deal of overlapping and at the same time a waste of public funds.

The last point I want to make is regarding the curriculum and method of instruction. The vast majority of the people that these programs are attempting to reach have, for some reason or another, found that conventional educational techniques was not acceptable to them and as a result they began dropping out from conventional educational programs. Yet here we find no guidance from these agencies or to my knowledge, any other agency, as to what would be the best methods of instruction for people who have rejected conventional education processes. We are attempting to revolutionize, in our own way, the education and learning process as it relates to on-the-job training through the use of closed circuit video tape television. We are not sure that this is necessarily the best method but at least it is different, and we find the trainees have a great familiarity with looking at TV. This is a small point, Bill, but I think this is where some super agency performing a coordinating job could be of immense value in making these training programs do the job they are supposed to do and at the same time become more effective.

I hope this meets with your intention and if you have any further questions, please give me a call.

THE PROJECTED NEW CAREERS

Computer Operator

Record data generated at point of service or to amass multi-data sources, this individual will have a working knowledge of the electronics necessary to record such data.

Patient Training Assistant

Handle the patient information programs at point of service; this individual will have a working knowledge of the audio visual equipment necessary to show our patients instructional programs.

Health Clinic Aide

Register and schedule patients referred to the Health Clinic by their physician for instructional programs.

Health Clinic Technician

Operate the instructional equipment and record patient reaction. This individual will have experience in CCTV, slide/tape, teaching machines, to give instruction in Health Clinic.

Community Health Service Worker

Provide health instruction at the patient's home in conjunction with the home health aide or separately.

Nursing Assistant

Trainee position, bathe patients, record TPR, simple dressings, assist in treatment and examination.

Pediatrics Aide

Assist nursing personnel in pediatrics care in nursery or pediatrics ward.

Health Plan Aide

Provide Health Plan information at member's home or outpatient areas.

MERRITT COLLEGE,
Oakland, Calif., August 3, 1967.

HON. CARL PERKINS,
Chairman, House Committee on Education and Labor,
Washington, D.C.

MY DEAR MR. CARL PERKINS: AS Acting Dean of Instruction at Merritt Community College, Oakland, California, I long have been convinced of the value, both to human beings and to the professions, inherent in the new careers concept. Indeed, long before the passing of the Economic Opportunity Act, Merritt Col-