

California East Bay Chapter

2010 Health Quest: Why Choose a Career in Oncology Nursing?

Project Goal/Target audience:

1,600 high school students

Project Overview:

We will present a panel of oncology nurses to a select group of high school students enrolled in a high school “Health and BioScience Academy” in Pleasanton, CA. The students are enrolled in specific classes to prepare for a health career. The academy instructor reports most of the students have chosen Maternal Child nursing for their “job shadow” experience. We propose to introduce oncology nursing to the class through a nurse panel discussion, and mock job interview. We will attend the annual health fair for the entire school, host an information booth an interactive questions and answer game.

We will educate students about the qualifications, job market, benefits, education requirements, OCN certification, salary and professional growth opportunities provided through ONS. The game format will be “Spin the Wheel to Learn about Oncology Nursing” Prizes will be pens, and 1 ONS t-shirt per hour (4 hour health fair).

Expected Outcomes:

WE plan to increase awareness about Oncology Nursing to over 1600 students, teachers, and administrators at the high school level to increase interest in the profession, and increase our chapter’s leadership in education of future nurses.