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**Omega Institute to Close After 30 Years as a Leader in Allied Health Education**

Pennsauken, NJ – Omega Institute is closing its doors after serving thousands of students over the span of 30 years. The Pennsauken campus location will close its doors as of December 31, 2014. However, the school will remain open through a teach-out agreement with Camden County College at their Blackwood campus through June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Omega Institute was established in Haddonfield, New Jersey in 1980 as a private post secondary school. In 1988, the school underwent a change in ownership but continued to stress the development of career and life skills, while guiding and educating students to realize their career aspirations. The school’s ultimate goal was to serve a population that was disadvantaged and give them an affordable way to learn valuable vocational skills on the way to earning decent wages. During its 30 years, Omega Institute has graduated thousands of students in programs such as Medical Assistant, Surgical Technology and Massage Therapy as well as many other in-demand careers. Ray Papin, school director said, “We, at Omega, are extremely proud of our representation within the community over the years and thank Camden County College for their recent involvement with the school.”

“Omega Institute has been my home away from home since 1999. I am proud of what I have been able to teach but I am a better person for what has been taught to me by the students and colleagues who made my work here important”, said Tom Adams, A&P Instructor.

The teach-out agreement with Camden County College was designed to ensure currently enrolled students would have the opportunity to complete their program. Ray Papin also stated “although closing the school was a very difficult decision to make, the management team and its owners felt that it was in the best interest of the school to allow students the opportunity to complete their program of study as an Omega graduate prior to closing its doors.

According to Tony Bieda, Vice President of External Affairs with the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS), while Omega’s accreditation will end once the school is officially closed; the school is in good standing and was reviewed only a few years ago.

Students currently enrolled at Omega Institute, like Katherine Johnson shared that “Omega has been good to me. This is the best school experience I have ever had” while Diana Alvarado pointed out that “Being here at Omega made me want to go forward with the courage to continue”. Omega has “Great mentors, teachers are always helpful, never turned away” said Mona McFadden.

Students wanting more information about health careers programs at Camden County College can contact Lee Ann Havey at 856-227-7200 ext. 4468

**About Omega Institute**

Our programs in allied health are designed to empower motivated individuals to launch successful careers in some of the most rewarding and fastest growing fields in the country. Students enjoy personalized instruction and mentorship from accomplished health care professionals. Students gain an abundance of hands-on training in medical labs, computer labs, and medical simulation suites.

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