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Career Academy Healthcare Science Program Industry Certified

HOUSTON COUNTY, GA– The Houston County Career Academy (HCCA) successfully completed the Healthcare Science Technology Education (HSTE) Industry Certification. Representatives from the Georgia Department of Education and Statewide HSTE Industry Certification assessed the program in March. The Blue Ridge Area Health Education Center is the certifying agency for healthcare science.

Director of the Statewide HSTE Industry Certification Process, Sharon Norman, wrote in a letter to HCCA teachers Sheila McDaniel and Susie Jarrett: “You both have proven to not only be excellent teachers by reaching the quality standards set by the Georgia Department of Education and the Statewide HSTE Industry Certification Standards, but also as excellent mentors for students and fellow teachers. This being your initial certification, it provides your school and community knowledge, as they are well aware of, that you have an excellent program.”

Norman also wrote, “But more importantly, you proved that you are providing your students with an excellent foundation of knowledge and skills so that they can become a health care provider, if they so choose. You have an excellent program that we all are very proud of, as well as being very proud of you both. This is a great accomplishment.”

To achieve HSTE Industry Certification requires proving to an on-site evaluation team of healthcare professionals that the teachers have:

- accomplished each of the standards;
- set up classrooms and lab with all equipment necessary to accomplish the Georgia Performance Standards; and
- an active advisory committee.

HCCA will be presented a plaque at the Georgia Association for Career and Technical Education conference on July 12, 2011, during the HSTE Association Awards Luncheon. The Career Academy is located at 1311 Corder Road in Warner Robins. Mike Parker serves as principal. For more information, please contact Barbara Wall, director of career, technical and agricultural education, at 478-988-6200, ext. 10226, or Barbara.Wall@hcbe.net.

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