

## MEET THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR INLAND EMPIRE/DESERT REGION



### **Avante E. Simmons, Regional Director, Inland Empire/Desert Region F**

- Desert/Inland Empire Deputy Sector Navigator| Healthcare Workforce Initiative
- Hosted by College of the Desert
- Masters Degree in Organizational Leadership, Minor Business Ethics, APU
- 15 yrs experience in (10) Career Technical Education and (5) Education Management
  - Job Placement Specialist, Regional Occupational Programs
  - Business Liaison, Regional Occupational Programs (ROP)
  - Advisory Committee Coordinator, ROP Programs
  - Advisory Committee Coordinator, Community College CTE
  - Articulation High School-Community College agreements
  - Grant Manager, CTE Transitions and sb70

### **Regional Priorities include:**

- To assist in ensuring better preparation of students for entry level Allied Health occupations.
- To provide technical assistance to the IE/D colleges to develop a minimum of 2 Regional Faculty Collaborative Councils utilizing IEBC model (Faculty Learning Councils) with Allied Health focus
- To provide assistance to the IE/D colleges to pilot Regional Faculty Externship Programs for secondary and post-secondary education.
- To compile inventory of Nursing and Allied Health programs from CC, ROP, SCE in the IE/C region.
- To collaborate with Allied Health program Deans/Directors to provide a minimum of one Clinical Faculty/ Preceptor workshop in Teaching Strategies, for Nursing, and/or Allied Health.
- Incumbent Worker training
- To collaborate with CC and ROP program Deans and Directors to access the Saddleback College Allied Health Readiness Program for creativeness in Region F.
- To provide technical assistance to colleges, CC Nursing programs Deans/Directors, and Faculty to create a fee-based Ambulatory Care RN program at least one CC.
- To provide technical assistance to Deans/Directors, Faculty and Community Education staff to increase a Personal Care Aide fee-based program at least one CC.
- To develop a “train-the-trainer” session to provide potential instructors with Standard *Learning Theory Principles*, to meet regional Healthcare Education needs.
- To provide at least one New Grad Transition to Practice (T2P) program as unpaid internships in collaboration with IE/D Nursing programs and industry partners
- To provide Nursing Certification review courses in collaboration with local professional organizations for incumbent workers as needed

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