

## **FRESNO STATE CONFERENCE ON TELEMEDICINE AND TELE-COUNSELING**

Sponsored by the Technology Committee of the College of Health and Human Services, California State University Fresno

Date: Thursday, March 15, 2012

Time: 12 noon – 4 pm

Place: Henry Madden Library Room 3212

**RSVP by March 5** to: (box lunch served, please let us know about special dietary needs)

In the 21<sup>st</sup> century, technology has become a part of our everyday lives. The potential for telemedicine and tele-counseling has just begun to be explored. Rural and underserved regions are thought to be some of the areas that may receive the greatest benefit from telemedicine. Yet, regions such as the San Joaquin Valley have been among the slowest to adopt telemedicine into their everyday social and health care practices.

This conference examines the meanings and applications of telemedicine and tele-counseling in today's social and health care fields. In four 45-minute sessions, the conference will present

- an overview of the field
- experiences with practical applications
- applications of telemedicine/tele-counseling in the classroom
- a panel discussion on community access to telemedicine/tele-counseling in Fresno

Speakers include:

- **Mohammad Rahmani**, assistant professor of public health at Fresno State. His research focuses on the adaption of telemedicine in the San Joaquin Valley.
- **Camilla Granholm**, doctoral candidate at the University of Helsinki, Department of Social Work. Ms. Granholm's research focuses on online counseling groups and social work. Her talk will focus on current research on the use of the internet as a tool in counseling.
- **Nicole Barksdale**, Fresno State master's student in social work, will present her project on the challenges and benefits of tele-counseling in the rural San Joaquin Valley.