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NHC funds nursing equipment for PSCC

A \$10,000 donation to Pellissippi State Community College by local affiliates of the National HealthCare Corporation is earmarked for the purchase of state-of-the-art teaching equipment for the college's nursing degree program.

The equipment includes a bed with a headwall containing electronic patient monitors and is to be used in the simulation lab at the Strawberry Plains campus.

"The nursing department is very grateful for NHC's support," said Lisa Stamm, dean of the program at Pellissippi State.

"We currently have students completing clinical rotations at NHC Farragut, and we appreciate the many opportunities NHC continues to provide for our students, in addition to this gracious gift."

The donation was made by NHC Farragut, NHC Fort Sanders, NHC Knoxville, Holston Health and Rehabilitation Center, and NHC Oak Ridge. NHC affiliates operate long-term health-care centers, as well as home-care programs, independent living centers and assisted living communities throughout the country.



Pellissippi State Community College officials accepted a donation of \$10,000 from NHC's East Tennessee facilities on June 12. The donation will fund laboratory simulation equipment for the college's nursing program. Pictured are NHC vice president Ray Blevins, PSCC professor More Herington, NHC Farragut director Karla Lane, PSCC vice president Peggy Wilson and president L. Anthony Wise Jr., with Jeff Tambornini, Keith McCord and Brad Shuford. *Photo submitted*

Pellissippi State's nursing degree program began in 2010 and is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing. Each of the college's five campuses in Knox and Blount counties offers pre-nursing courses, and the

nursing program is offered at the Blount, Magnolia and Strawberry Plains campuses.

The program runs two years, and students graduate with an Associate of Applied Science in Nursing degree. They are then pre-

pared to take the national licensure exam to become a registered nurse.

Pellissippi State also offers a fast-track degree option through the Bridge to Registered Nurse program that allows licensed practical nurses (LPNs) and

paramedics to enter nursing school following the successful completion of one summer transitional course. The college partners with other schools to offer the RN to BSN path for students interested in going on for a bachelor's degree.