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\$200,000 GRANT HELPS EXPAND NURSING ASSISTANTS PROGRAM

JAMESTOWN – Guilford Technical Community College’s response to local and national needs for training more nursing assistants got a boost recently from Piedmont Triad Partnership, which gave \$200,000 to the program, according to Brian Haderlie.

Haderlie, dean of the school’s Center for Business and Industry, said those funds made it possible for the recent announcement that GTCC has committed to training 600 nursing assistants this year and another 800 in 2010.

Those enrolled in the Nursing Assistant I program at GTCC can become Certified Nursing Assistants and qualify to work in many health care settings, including hospitals, care facilities and private homes. This program also is a prerequisite for other health care jobs.

Haderlie said that certified nursing assistants also will become involved in the Allied Health Career Pathway’s Ladder in the Triad area each year. That program also is sponsored by the Piedmont Triad Partnership, he said.

Two new laboratories are being established for the nursing assistants program.

Certified Nursing Assistant laboratories are being established on GTCC’s High Point and Jamestown campuses, and should be ready for use in late summer, he said.

Haderlie said he is especially pleased that the laboratory services and training are being made available in High Point. “This will make it possible to train healthcare workers who can find jobs within the city of High Point and surrounding rural areas,” he said.

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