

NEWS RELEASE

Martin Community College – April 13, 2022



On April 12, an historic agreement between Martin Community College (MCC) and Roanoke-Chowan Community College (RCCC) was signed. Starting this fall, MCC students pursuing credentials in medical careers, will now be able to transfer their MCC credits to RCCC’s Associate Degree Nursing (AND) program. Several state and regional officials were on hand to witness the signing of the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding). Pictured from left to right are MCC’s Associate Vice President, Academic Affairs/Chief Academic Officer (CAO) Dr. Tabitha Miller, MCC’s President Wesley Beddard, Chair of the State Board of Community Colleges Burr Sullivan, RCCC’s President Dr. Murray J. Williams, and RCCC’s Vice President of Instruction and Student Services Dr. Jami Woods.

MCC Health Care Students Gain New Path toward Nursing Degree

More than twenty community college officials gathered on April 12 at Roanoke-Chowan Community College (RCCC) to finalize an agreement that will allow Martin Community College (MCC) students to complete all the General Education requirements for the ADN plus the requisite Nurse Aide I class at MCC.

RCCC will accept up to ten MCC students annually who meet the RCCC Nursing admissions requirements. According to MCC’s President, Wesley Beddard, “We are thrilled to have space for ten students annually. This is a tremendous benefit for students in our region who desire to become a registered nurse.”

Beddard added a special thanks to Dr. Miller who served as MCC’s point person for the development of the MOU. “Her work with her RCCC counterpart, Dr. Jami Woods, helped make this agreement possible.”

Beddard also stated, “To my knowledge, there is no other agreement like this for nursing in our system.”

Dr. Miller states, “RCCC will begin accepting applications in November of 2022. The deadline for submitting the application will be March 1, 2023.”

Mr. Burr Sullivan, Chairman of the State Board of Community Colleges, drove from Lexington, NC to participate in the signing ceremony.

In his remarks Sullivan noted how timely the signing of this agreement is, because next week the State Board of Community Colleges will be participating in a learning session on the acute, nationwide nursing shortage. The need for nurses is expected to worsen with the ongoing retirement of baby boomers.

Sullivan added that he looks forward to sharing with the entire State Board how MCC and RCCC were working collaboratively to meet the nursing shortage in Northeastern NC.

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