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Fremont Campus Nursing students excel on their national licensing exam

CANON CITY – The quality of the Nursing program education at the Fremont Campus here has again been made evident by the scores of its most recent graduation class. This summer, the entire class of 17 May graduates successfully passed the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN).

The exam is administered by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) to ensure public protection by measuring the competencies needed to perform safely and effectively as a newly licensed, entry-level nurse. Taking the NCLEX-RN is a capstone experience to a Nursing students' educational experience, and passing the exam demonstrates they have the skills and competence to begin their nursing careers.

The passing rate recorded by the Fremont Campus program's grads has consistently been in the 90-100% rate in the four years it has been under the guidance of Nursing Coordinator Cathy Coram. It currently has 23 second-year students, 23 first-year students and 11 part-time students. The program also includes faculty members Diane Madsen and Judith Thompson.

A branch of Pueblo Community College, the Fremont Campus' Nursing program includes an Associate of Applied Science degree and Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) and Nursing Aide certificates.

Students in the program benefit from a video recording lab that was launched in the fall of 2010 to improve their mastery of skills. The lab consists of three nursing bed stations that are equipped with video cameras and video monitor and DVD recording equipment.

Registration will begin Nov. 7 for spring semester classes. For information, call the Fremont Campus at 296-6100 or go to the PCC website at www.pueblocc.edu.

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