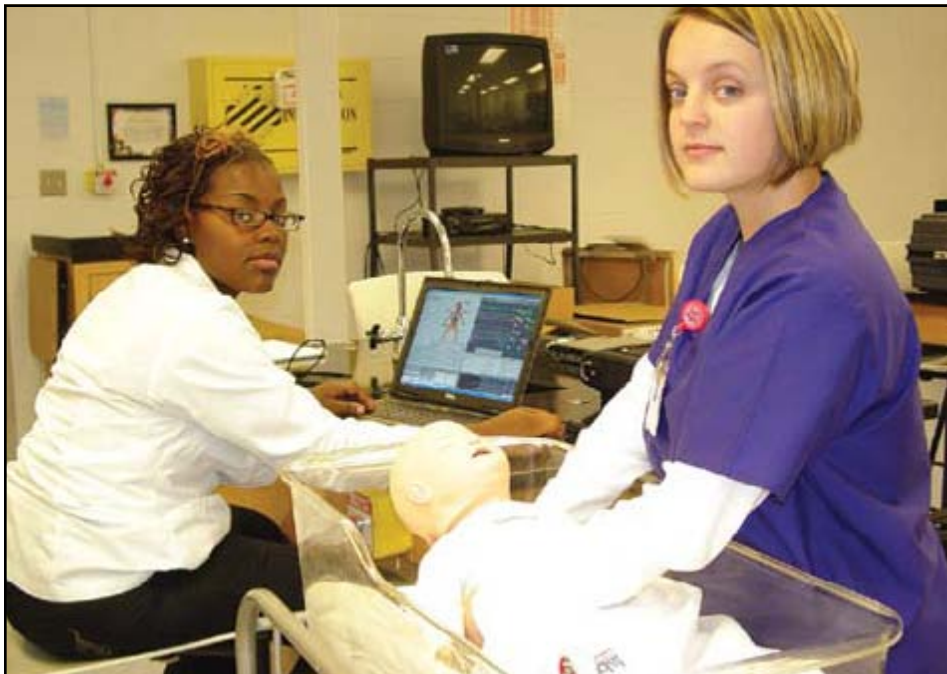


Tech school gets two human patient simulators



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Practical Nursing students Cindy Desruisseaux, left, and Ashlee Hull work with a new human patient simulator that High Tech Central was able to purchase with a state grant.

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

High Tech Central was recently awarded a Florida Succeed Grant from the Department of Education to offer a part-time Practical Nursing program. The grant has also allowed the school to purchase of two human patient simulators, one adult and one baby. These simulators are very lifelike. They breathe, cough, speak and possess many normal human body functions.

With the purchase of the simulators, faculty members received two days of intensive training to learn how to program and operate the simulators. More

importantly, faculty will learn to develop scenarios like those with real hospitalized patients. Students will have the opportunity to apply critical thinking skills to solve problems and respond appropriately to the patient. As they do so, a Web cam records the encounter and the instructor is able to illicit patient response appropriate to the action of the student. Ultimately, scenarios will provide students experiences that can be substituted for some of the actual experience in the hospitals.

For more information on the programs offered in Health Science Education, please call 334-4544. ■

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In August 2003, I was a walking time bomb. Nearly 150 pounds of extra weight affected every part of my life. I had a poor self-image, severe sleep apnea, high cholesterol, high blood pressure, chronic foot, knee, hip and lower back pain, and depression.

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Today I feel like a new person. My sense of well-being, happiness and self-confidence is phenomenal. All of my physical issues are gone and now all I take are daily vitamins. I know I have a bright future.

Part of that future is working with the Weight Management Center at Lee Memorial Health System. As the Bariatric Program Coordinator, I am passionate about helping others for whom weight loss surgery is the right answer. Our program offers the information, emotional support, nutritional guidance and surgical excellence that I know from experience is vital to a patient's success.

Sharon Wilson, RNC



BEFORE SURGERY

AFTER SURGERY

Get the Facts on Weight Loss Surgery

Come to an Information Session to learn from the experts:

- What is weight loss surgery?
- The difference between gastric bypass and lap banding
- The benefits of the surgery
- Details about insurance coverage

Wednesday, March 19, 2008 • 6:30 p.m.

Lee Memorial Hospital Auditorium

2776 Cleveland Ave., Fort Myers

To reserve a spot, call the Lee Center for Weight Management Reservation Line at 239-573-5742

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