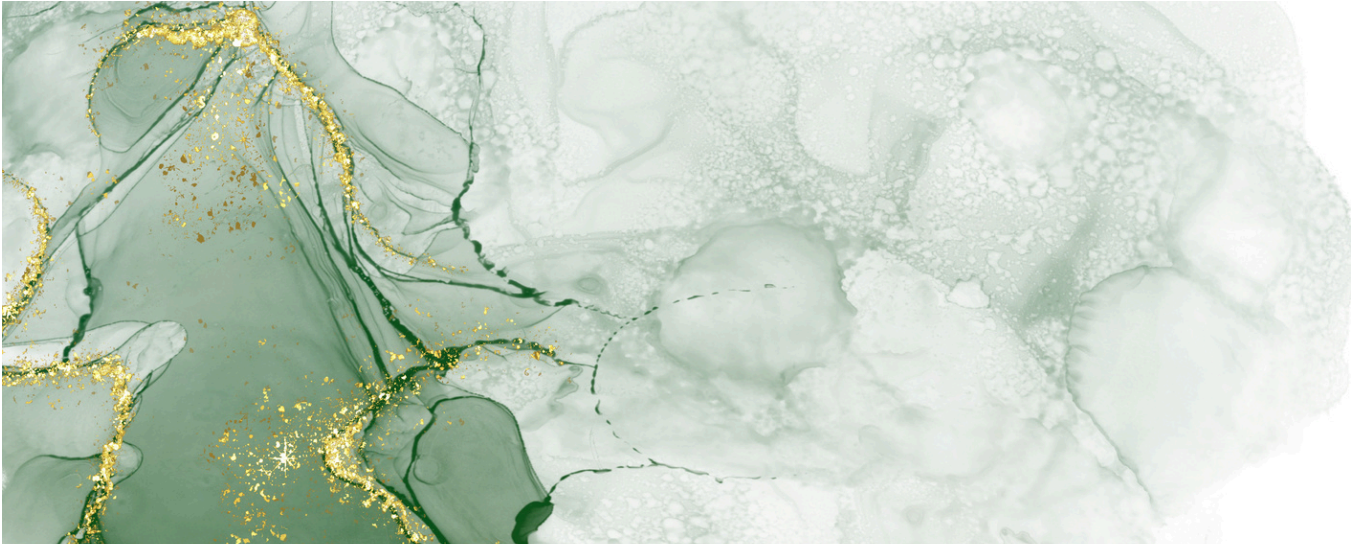




Health Sciences

NEWSLETTER



NCCCS CONFERENCE

From October 13-15, our Health Sciences faculty participated in the NC Community College System Conference, an enriching event that featured a variety of breakout sessions covering diverse topics in education. Dr. Kelly Eller presented on “Understanding the Impact of Nursing Faculty Attrition on ADN Graduate Success,” addressing a critical concern in nursing education.

Throughout the conference, attendees engaged in discussions on innovative strategies and best practices, gaining valuable insights to enhance teaching and learning. The dynamic sessions fostered collaboration and inspired our faculty to explore new approaches in health sciences education.

We’re excited to incorporate these ideas into our programs and continue our commitment to student success and excellence in health sciences!

Photos submitted by: Dr. Kelly Eller, MSN, RN & Rosa Faulkner, BSN, RN, NCSN





CTE LC ATTENDANCE

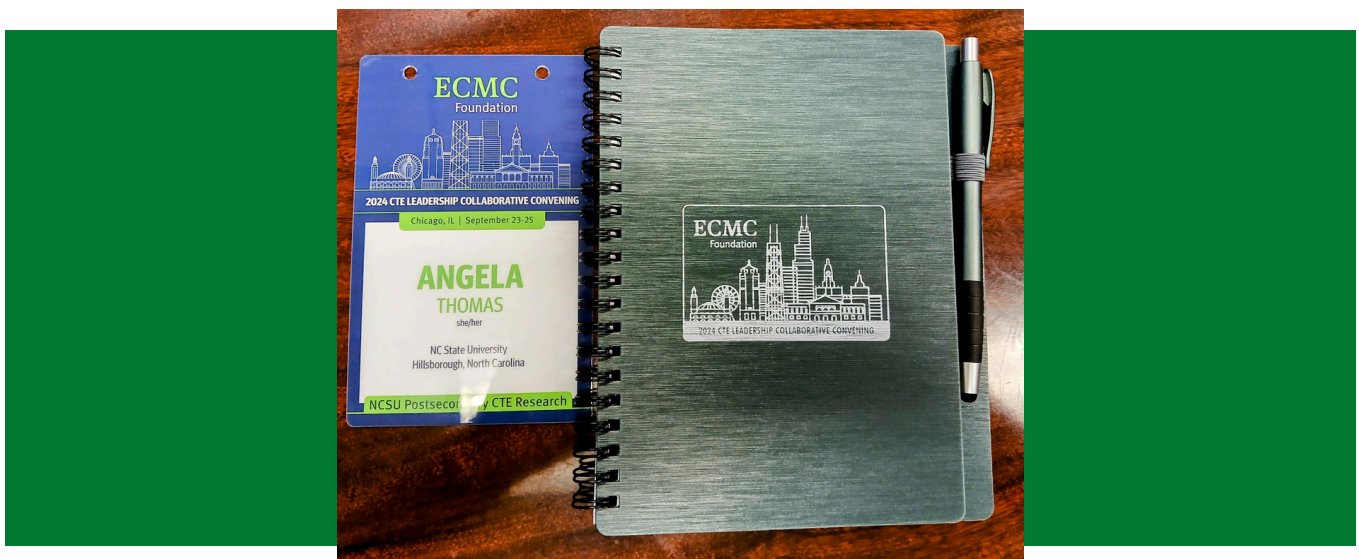
On September 23-25, 2024, Dr. Angela Thomas had the opportunity to attend the CTE Leadership Collaborative Convening (CTE LC) sponsored by the Educational Credit Management Corporation Foundation (ECMCF). The ECMC Foundation is a national foundation whose North Star goal is to eliminate equity gaps in postsecondary completion by 2040. Their mission is to improve higher education for career success among underserved populations through evidence-based innovation. Combining their North Star goal with their mission support their vision, “All learners unlock their fullest potential.”

The CTE collaboration includes Academic Researchers (CTE Research program at North Carolina State University), Data Practitioners (Strategic Data Project-CTE at Harvard), Faculty and Administration (Postsecondary Leadership Success Program at ACTE), State Leaders (Postsecondary State CTE Leaders Fellowship Program at Advance CTE), HR Professionals (CTE Industry Fellowship Program at JFF), and Journalists (Higher Education Media Fellowship at the University at the Institute for Citizens & Scholar).

During the annual convening, Dr. Thomas had the opportunity to participate in a multitude of breakout and skill-building workshops that equipped her with a better understanding of the issues and opportunities with postsecondary CTE. “These convening are the best professional development opportunities that I have participated in throughout my career! I am honored to be invited.”

For an overview of last year’s convening, please click on the link below: <https://youtu.be/B2FkvY3cxto>

Submitted by: Dr. Angela Thomas, R.T. (R), CCMA



VGCC MINI HEALTH & CAREER FAIR:

A GREAT SUCCESS!

On October 23, the VGCC School of Health Sciences hosted an exciting Mini Health & Career Fair at the Franklin Campus, offering attendees the chance to explore health careers and connect with industry partners.

Special thanks to Advance Community Health for their Mobile Unit providing free health screenings and to the food truck for keeping us energized! We're also grateful for the support from Dr. Krystal Foxx, Hollie Garrett, and Sheri Alston, who helped make the event a success.

The fair coincided with the National Medical Assistants Recognition Week, celebrating the vital role of medical assistants and highlighting VGCC's Medical Assisting program.

Attendees also explored career pathways in biotechnology, healthcare, and more—making it the perfect opportunity for anyone interested in joining the Vanguard community.

Thank you to everyone who attended—we look forward to seeing you at our next health sciences event!

Submitted by: Dr. Mercedes Kamoru, Medical Assisting Program Head



Health Sciences Showcase at J.F. Webb

VGCC School of Health Sciences held a showcase at J.F. Webb High School, hosted by Gabrielle Taylor and Angela Thomas! This exciting event offered students an opportunity to explore a wide range of health science careers and engage with industry professionals. Whether they are interested in nursing, medical assisting, or radiography, this showcase provided valuable insights and guidance on how to start your journey in the dynamic world of healthcare. The event left students excited and inspired to pursue a future in health sciences. This showcase was such a memorable and informative event!

Submitted by: Gabrielle Taylor



MEDICAL ASSISTING

Dr. Mercedes Kamoru Attends 68th Annual AAMA Conference



Dr. Mercedes Kamoru proudly represented Vance-Granville Community College (VGCC) School of Health Sciences (SHS) at the 68th Annual American Association of Medical Assistants (AAMA) Conference, fostering valuable connections and participating in impactful discussions on advancing the profession.

A standout moment was Dr. Kamoru's meeting with Michelle Blesi, author of the comprehensive textbook currently used in VGCC's Medical Assisting program. Dr. Kamoru was also selected to participate in a focus group with publisher Cengage, contributing insights to ensure future materials align with the evolving needs of both students and educators. Through these opportunities, VGCC SHS continues to build strong ties with industry leaders and continues to be the forefront of healthcare education through intentional professional development.

-Submitted by: Dr. Mercedes Kamoru, Medical Assisting Program Head

South Granville High School Visits VGCC's Medical Assisting Program – October 8, 2024

On October 8th, VGCC's Medical Assisting program welcomed students from South Granville High School for a fun, hands-on visit! The group explored clinical skills, learned about healthcare careers, and connected with VGCC students to get an inside look at life in the program.

This visit is part of the School of Health Sciences' ongoing effort to inspire future healthcare professionals and build pathways for students interested in health sciences. It was a fantastic day filled with learning, laughs, and new connections!

Thanks to South Granville High School for visiting – we can't wait to see some of you back as future VGCC Vanguard!

-Submitted by: Dr. Mercedes Kamoru, Medical Assisting Program Head



NURSING

NCAAP Coders Presentation

On Saturday, 10/12/2024, Mrs. Leslie Parrott had the privilege to present at the Tri County NCAAP Coders Association on VGCC's campus. Coders work in many different healthcare settings from doctor's offices to hospitals. Some are also able to work from home in their roles. Leslie presented on women's health topics. This group of coders ranged from newly graduated to 20 or more years in their field. Leslie enjoyed learning about their role in the healthcare setting and sharing her health knowledge. Leslie and other participants also enjoyed breakfast together.

-Photo submitted by: Leslie Parrott, BSN, RN, RNC-OB, NCSN



Prepping for Spring

Our nursing faculty is buzzing with excitement as we prepare for the upcoming Spring 2025 semester! We are thrilled to welcome a new cohort of Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) students and a Practical Nursing (PN) cohort to our program. In the lab, our faculty is hard at work refining curriculum materials and enhancing hands-on learning experiences to ensure our students receive the best possible training. This is an exciting time for our department, and we are committed to fostering a supportive and engaging environment for our new students. Stay tuned for updates as we embark on this journey together, and let's make Spring 2025 a memorable semester!

-Photo submitted by: Rosa Faulkner, BSN, RN, NCSN

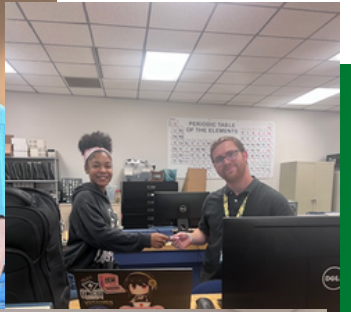
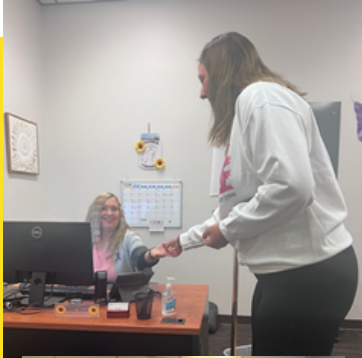


RADIOGRAPHY

Pink for a Purpose

On Wednesday, October 9th, junior Radiography students wore pink to support breast cancer awareness. Students also handed out pink ribbons around South Campus to students, faculty, and staff members.

-Submitted by: Jamisha Twitty, M.H.S. RT (R)



Celebrating Faculty and Staff

Vance-Granville Community College School of Health Sciences (Radiography program) paused for the cause to celebrate Mr. Antonio and Mrs. Sharon at the South campus. Very seldom do we find people who take pride in their work. Each day, we are met with good smiles and good smells from these two individuals. Although we do not always express our thanks, we are always appreciative. Appreciation acknowledges the presence of good wherever you shine the light of your thankful thoughts.

-Submitted by: Jamisha Twitty, M.H.S. RT (R)

