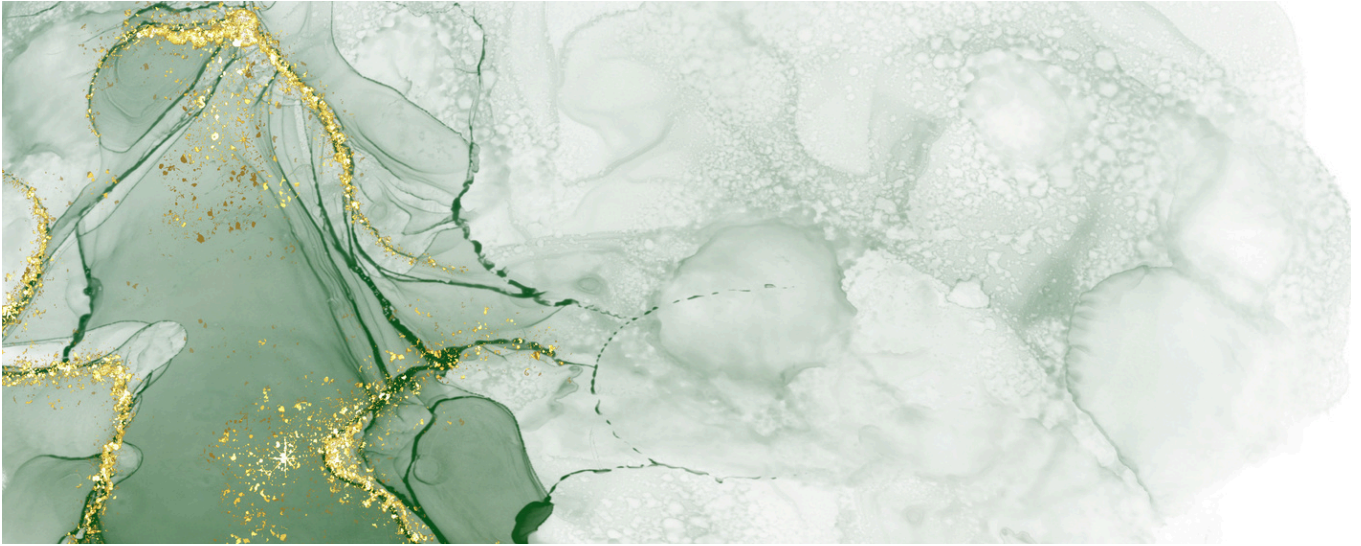




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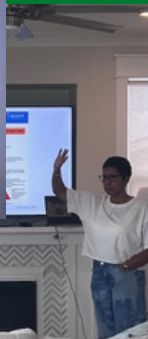
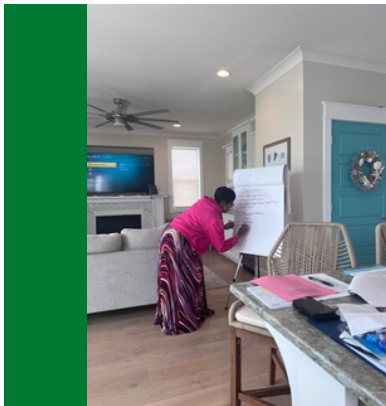
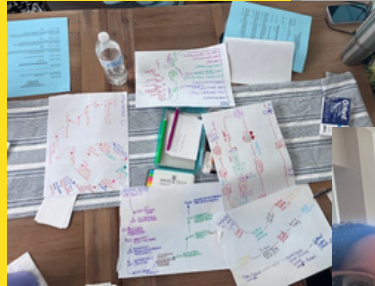
In late August, our Health Science Department heads gathered at the picturesque Carolina Beach for an enriching retreat. The event blended productive discussions with team-building activities, fostering both collaboration and camaraderie. Faculty engaged in strategic planning sessions, sharing innovative ideas and setting goals for the upcoming year, all while enjoying some local beach stops. Here's to a successful year ahead!



Photos submitted by: Jamisha Twitty, M.H.S, RT (R)

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MEDICAL ASSISTING

Medical Assisting Diploma Program Welcomes Academic Skills Center Coordinator

The Medical Assisting Diploma Program Class of 2025 recently had the pleasure of hosting Mr. Jason Snelling, Coordinator of the Academic Skills Center. Mr. Snelling shared his expertise on the various academic resources available to students, emphasizing the support his department provides to enhance student success. His visit highlighted the importance of utilizing campus resources as students progress in their medical assisting education.

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



NURSING

Meet Our New Faculty!



“My name is Rosa Faulkner, and I am a Registered Nurse with expertise in outpatient surgery, as well as community and public health nursing. I was born in Peru, South America, and came to the United States to further my education as a healthcare professional. I graduated from the Nursing School at Vance-Granville Community College. I am married to a Vance County native and I am the fortunate mother of three inquisitive children. I’m currently pursuing a master’s degree in Nurse Education at the University of North Carolina Wilmington. I am thrilled to continue my lifelong learning journey as a nursing instructor at Vance-Granville Community College. Becoming a nurse educator will allow me to share my passion for healthcare with the next generation of nurses.”

-Rosa Faulkner, BSN, RN, NCSN

“I’m Dr. Nakisha Powell, a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse with a dual focus on psychiatric care and healthcare management. My career is dedicated to providing compassionate mental health support while also navigating the complexities of healthcare systems to improve patient outcomes.

In addition to my clinical and managerial roles, I’m passionate about educating and mentoring future nurses. I find great fulfillment in sharing my knowledge and experience, helping to shape the next generation of healthcare professionals with the skills and empathy they need to excel in their careers.

I am also blessed with a wonderful family—my supportive spouse and our five amazing children. Balancing a thriving career with family life keeps me motivated and inspired. Outside of work, I enjoy spending time with my family, which provides a much-needed balance to my busy life.”

-Dr. Nakisha Powell, DNP, RN, PMH-BC



Off-Site Retreat



Our Nursing Department recently held an inspiring off-site retreat at Brande McIlroy's home, where productivity met connection. The day was filled with informative sessions that sparked engaging discussions on our curriculum and future initiatives. Amidst the hard work, we enjoyed delicious snacks and enjoyed spending time together outside of class. This retreat not only enhanced our collaborative spirit but also set a positive tone for the year ahead.

-Photo submitted by: Dr. Brande McIlroy DNP, RN, CCRN-R, CNL-R

First Day of Class

The first day of class for our senior nursing students was a vibrant kickoff to an exciting semester! With eager smiles and a determination to dive into their final year, students hit the ground running, engaging with a full day of content. The energy in the room was palpable as everyone looked forward to the challenges and opportunities ahead.

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



RADIOGRAPHY

Radiography Class of 2026

The Radiography Class of 2026 is all smiles as they embark on their journey toward completing the radiography program! With eager faces and a shared commitment to their studies, these students are excited to embrace the challenges and opportunities ahead.

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



Uniform Rehearsal

Our radiography students recently held a uniform rehearsal to ensure they're dressed professionally for their upcoming clinicals. With a focus on appearance and presentation, they checked their attire and discussed the importance of maintaining a polished look in the field. This rehearsal is a crucial step in preparing them for the professional standards they'll uphold as future radiographers. We're excited to see them represent our program with pride!

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WELCOME BACK EVENT

Health science students at VGCC gathered for the Welcome Back Event, radiating enthusiasm and excitement. They engaged in lively conversations, shared laughter, and explore various booths showcasing resources and opportunities. Colorful decorations and a backdrop of smiling faces create a welcoming atmosphere, capturing the excitement of a new academic year filled with potential.

*-Photos submitted by: Jamisha Twitty,
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