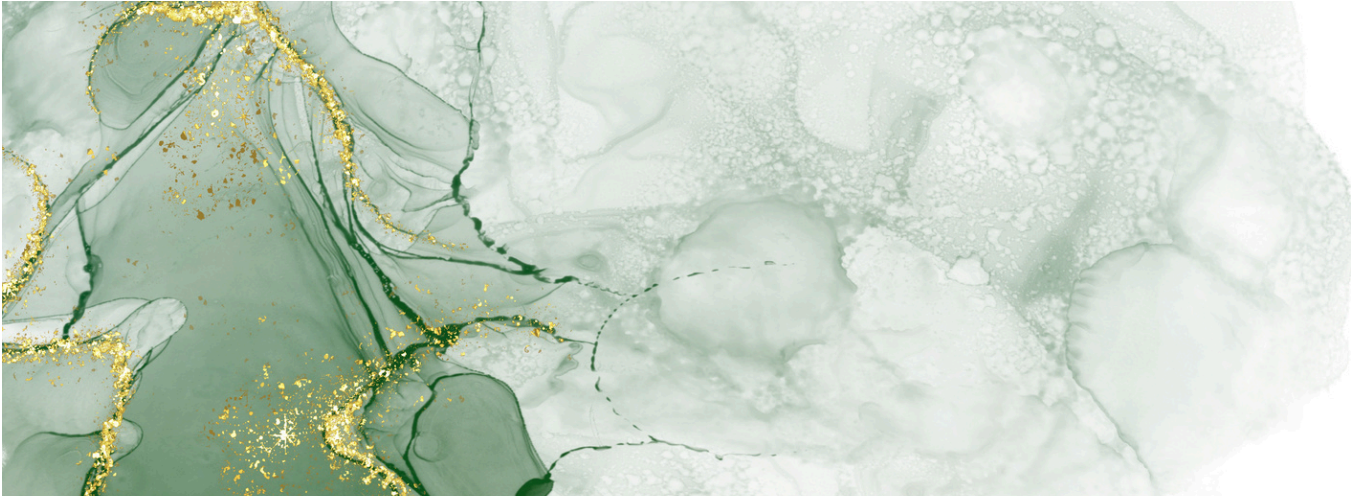




Health Sciences

NEWSLETTER



VGCC SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES WRAPPING UP A BUSY SPRING SEMESTER

As the Spring 2025 semester winds down, the Vance-Granville Community College School of Health Sciences is buzzing with activity. Faculty and students are hard at work finishing final projects, preparing for exams, and getting ready for graduation or advancing to the next phase of their programs. Even with the end of the semester approaching, there's no shortage of events and opportunities keeping everyone engaged. From community outreach efforts to on-campus involvement, our students and faculty continue to stay active and committed both inside and outside the classroom.

We hope you've enjoyed keeping up with all the exciting things we've had going on this semester—and we can't wait to share more in the months ahead!

Special Recognition: Celebrating Excellence in Clinical Instruction

We are excited to take a moment in this month's newsletter to recognize the outstanding contributions of one of our valued adjunct clinical instructors, Chamara Enis, MSN, ANE, BSN, RN-V.

As a current Staff Development Nurse at one of our partnering clinical sites, Granville Medical Center, Chamara has gone above and beyond in her commitment to student success. Through her leadership, mentorship, and professional dedication, she has played a pivotal role in helping to prepare our upcoming graduating class for the demands of real-world clinical practice.

Most notably, Chamara has partnered with our nursing program to successfully certify our first class of students in Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS). This certification provides our students with critical skills to recognize and respond to cardiac emergencies, initiate life-saving interventions, and function confidently in high-stress clinical environments. By equipping our students with ACLS certification prior to graduation, we are giving them a competitive edge as they enter the workforce, especially in critical care, emergency, and acute care settings.

Beyond her technical expertise, Chamara has embraced our students with genuine enthusiasm and support, fostering an environment that encourages growth, critical thinking, and professionalism. Her approachable demeanor, combined with her high standards for clinical excellence, has made a lasting positive impact on the educational journeys of our students.

We are deeply grateful for Chamara's partnership, leadership, and unwavering dedication. Her contributions exemplify the values we strive to instill in our students and highlight the essential role our clinical partners play in shaping the next generation of nurses.

Please join us in celebrating Chamara for her exceptional service and the tremendous difference she continues to make in the lives of our students!

-Photos submitted by: Dr. Nakisha Powell, DNP, MSN, BSN, RN, PMH-BC



NURSING (CONT.)

VGCC Nursing Students Shine at National NSNA Conference

Seattle, Washington | April 9–13, 2025

Nine Vance-Granville Community College nursing students, chaperoned by Nursing Director Dr. Kelly Eller, attended the 73rd Annual National Student Nurses' Association (NSNA) Convention in Seattle, WA. This prestigious event brought together nursing students, educators, and leaders from across the U.S. to focus on leadership, innovation, and career readiness.

VGCC Student Delegates:

Maryfrances Johnson · Megan Stainback · Shannen Phelps · Katie Newcomb

Sharon Castro-Eldridge · Karon Strickland · Sheryl Batine · Jamie Bernabe · Veronica Arenas Carlos

Convention Highlights:

- ✓ Attended a comprehensive NCLEX-RN® Mini Review, including strategies for Next Gen NCLEX success
- ✓ Participated in career development workshops, resume reviews, and mock interviews
- ✓ Explored sessions on mental health, trauma-informed care, cultural competence, and pediatric nursing
- ✓ Learned how AI and virtual reality are shaping the future of nursing education
- ✓ Observed the NSNA House of Delegates, gaining insight into national student-led policy advocacy

Faculty Engagement:

Dr. Eller connected with faculty and program leaders from across the country to share best practices in nursing education and support VGCC's continued innovation and excellence.

The experience empowered students with new tools, insights, and a national perspective—reflecting VGCC's commitment to preparing future nurses through hands-on learning and leadership development.

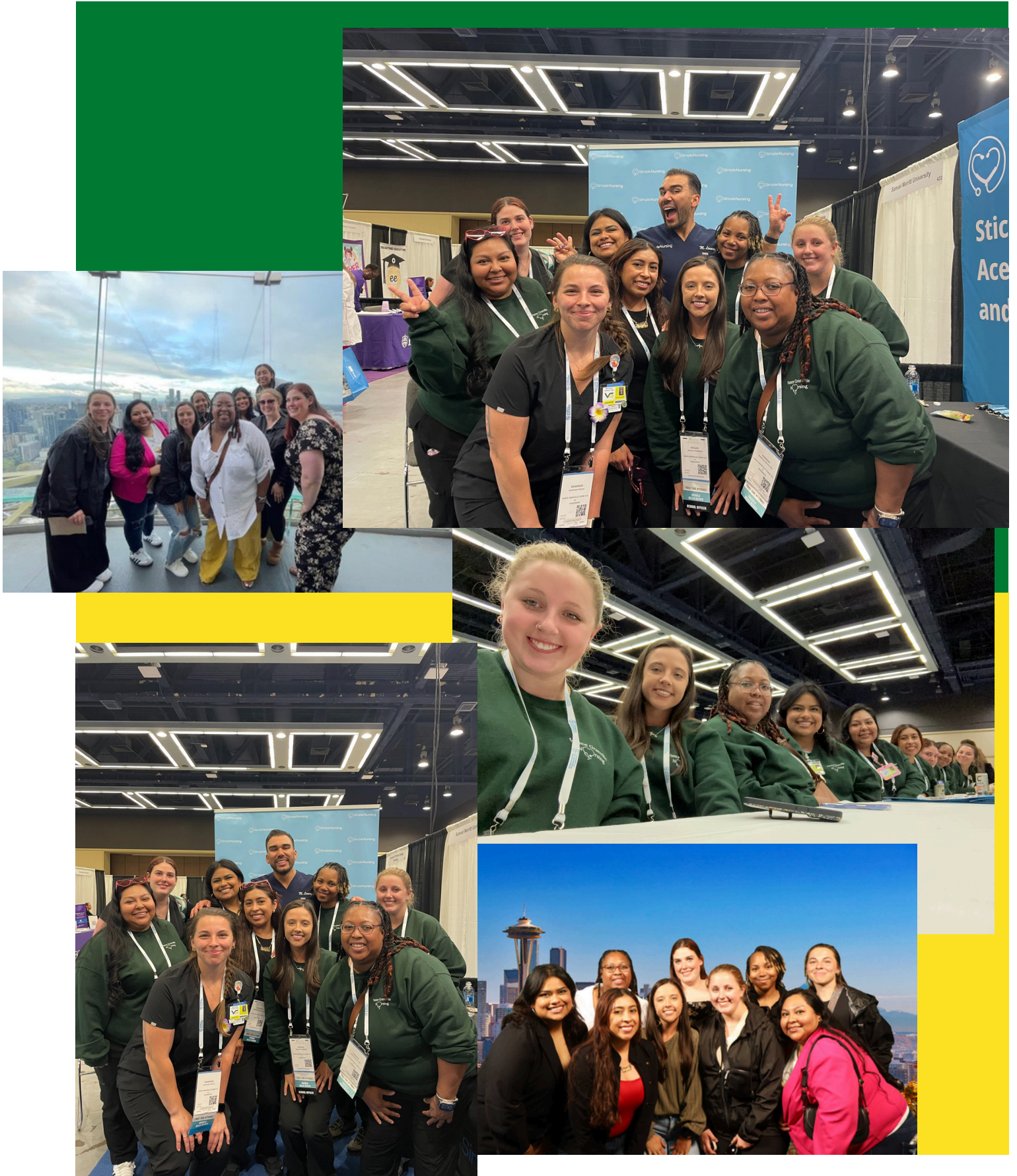
■ We are proud of our students' professionalism and engagement on the national stage!

(More photos on next page)

-Photos submitted by: Kelly Eller, EdD, MSN, RN



NURSING (CONT.)



PHARMACY

Exciting New Course Announcement: Central Sterile Processing at VGCC

On Monday, April 7th, the Occupational Healthcare Programs in partnership with the School of Health Sciences, launched a new Central Sterile Processing course. This pivotal addition to our educational offerings at Vance-Granville Community College is designed to equip students with the essential skills and knowledge required to excel in the critical field of sterile processing, ensuring the highest standards of patient care and safety.

Meet Our Esteemed Instructor: Mr. Marcus Fleming

We are honored to have Mr. Marcus Fleming leading this course. Marcus, hailing from Bailey, NC, brings a wealth of experience and dedication to the field of central sterile processing. His journey began at Southern Nash High School, followed by a diploma in Surgical Technology from Edgecombe Community College. He furthered his education with a Bachelor of Science in Business-Healthcare Management from Western Governor's University.

Marcus's robust background includes roles as a surgical technologist, travel operating room liaison, central sterile processing supervisor, and currently, a central sterile processing educator. His career has taken him to some of the most prestigious hospitals in the United States, including Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, MA, Johns Hopkins in Baltimore, MD, Piedmont Atlanta in Atlanta, GA, UNC Medical in Chapel Hill, NC, Wesley Medical in Wichita, KS, and UC Health in Aurora, CO. His expertise has also been valued in smaller facilities such as Hoag Hospital in Newport Beach, CA, and Duke Raleigh in Raleigh, NC.

Marcus's passion for his work is evident in his dedication to ensuring the highest standards of sterile processing and patient care. His experience and love for his job make him a valuable asset to any healthcare team.



PHARMACY (CONT.)

Exciting New Course Announcement: Central Sterile Processing at VGCC (cont.)

Course Details

The Central Sterile Processing course will cover a comprehensive curriculum designed to prepare students for a successful career in sterile processing. Topics will include infection control, sterilization techniques, surgical instrumentation, and quality assurance. Students will gain hands-on experience and practical knowledge that will be invaluable in their professional journey.

Certification and Career Opportunities

Upon completing the course, graduates will be eligible to take the Sterile Processing and Distribution (SPD) Technician Certification Exam, earning the respected title of Central Sterile Processing and Distribution Technician (CSPDT). Furthermore, with 400 hours of post-course practical experience, graduates will qualify to sit for the Healthcare Sterile Processing Association's Certified Registered Central Service Technician (CRCST) exam. Our dedicated course instructor will guide students interested in planning for the CRCST exam.

Graduates can look forward to rewarding careers in various settings, including surgery centers, central sterile processing departments in hospitals, and traveling consultation services

Class Schedule and Format

The course will be offered as a hybrid Continuing Education course, combining the convenience of online learning with crucial hands-on lab experience. The in-person component will meet during the evenings at the VGCC Franklin Campus in Louisburg.

Key highlights include:

- Class Schedule: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday evenings from 4:30 PM to 8:45 PM.
- Location: VGCC Franklin Campus, Louisburg, NC.
- Comprehensive Training: Hands-on learning experiences that align with industry standards
- VGCC scholarships are available to assist with course costs. Apply to ConEd Scholarships.

Why Choose VGCC?

At VGCC, we believe in the power of education to transform lives. The partnership between the School of Health Sciences and Occupational Healthcare Programs is an excellent opportunity for students to gain a valuable education that will open doors to a rewarding career in healthcare.

We invite you to join us in this exciting new venture and take the first step towards a fulfilling career in central sterile processing. For more information and to enroll, please visit our website or contact our Continuing Education department.

Dr. Erica Fleming (CSP Program Contact)
Program Head of Pharmacy Technology and Histotechnology
Vance-Granville Community College

RADIOGRAPHY



Rad Students at Spring Fest

On Wednesday, April 2nd, junior students attended the spring fest event sponsored by SGA on south campus.

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



Senior Students Attended NCSRT Conference

Wednesday, April 9th-Friday, April 11th, senior radiography students attended the North Carolina Society of Radiologic Technologists (NCSRT) conference in Cherokee, NC. One junior student, Daniel Alexander, along with Ms. Twitty, completed the NCSRT Leadership Academy on Wednesday, April 9th. 4 senior students participated in the Quiz Bowl Wednesday night, and several of our students volunteered throughout the conference, either with speaker introductions, stamping, or registration/check in. Dean Thomas did an amazing presentation on Thursday morning on the topic of training and retaining students in healthcare programs: strategies for success.

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



RADIOGRAPHY

Students Advocate for X-Ray Licensure on Advocacy Day in Raleigh

On Tuesday, April 15th, two junior students, Daniel Alexander and Mariana Figueroa Bonilla, participated in Advocacy Day. In the state of North Carolina, persons performing xray examinations are not required to be licensed or formally trained. For years, our local professional association, the North Carolina Society of Radiologic Technologists, has fought for legislation to change this. Tuesday April 15th was designated as Advocacy Day, a day where NCSRT members and radiologic technologists went to Raleigh to meet with representatives to gain support for a bill requiring licensure.

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