



Health Sciences

NEWSLETTER



SHS SUMMER ACADEMY INSPIRES FUTURE HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS

The Vance Granville Community College (VGCC) School of Health Sciences (SHS) welcomed middle school students for its annual Summer Academy, a three-day immersive experience designed to introduce participants to careers in healthcare through hands-on learning, campus exploration, and faculty mentorship.

Throughout the academy, students engaged with faculty from Nursing, Pharmacy Technology, Histotechnology, Radiography, Human Services, Medical Assisting, and Emergency Medical Services while exploring the many educational opportunities available at VGCC. Through interactive scenarios, wellness activities, career exploration, and collaborative challenges, students gained a firsthand look at the knowledge, compassion, and teamwork required in today's healthcare professions.

The Summer Academy continues to inspire future healthcare professionals while showcasing the supportive learning environment that defines the School of Health Sciences.

HEALTHCARE

EXPLORATION ACROSS

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During the Summer Academy, students experienced a variety of healthcare disciplines through hands-on activities led by SHS faculty. At the Main Campus, participants explored medication safety and histology with Drs. Nakisha Powell & Erica Fleming, while Ms. Cathy Davis and Dr. Laurica Yancey facilitated an engaging session on mental health and wellness, highlighting the importance of self-care for future healthcare professionals.



A special thank you to Ms. LaShawn Hawley, who serves as VGCC's Career Services Experiential Learning Coordinator, for leading an engaging session on the importance of soft skills in healthcare. Students learned how communication, professionalism, teamwork, adaptability, and other workplace competencies contribute to success in both clinical settings and future careers.

Students then traveled to the South Campus, where they toured the Radiography Program with Ms. Jamisha Twitty & Dr. Angela Thomas, learning about medical imaging, patient safety, and the vital role radiologic technologists play in patient care.



Technology & Innovation in Mechatronics

Continuing their visit to the South Campus, students explored the Mechatronics Program with Mr. David Bullock, where they were introduced to the advanced technologies that support today's manufacturing and healthcare industries.

Through demonstrations and a guided tour of the laboratories, students learned how automation, robotics, and precision technology intersect with modern healthcare systems and other technical careers.



The experience reinforced the importance of innovation, problem-solving, and interdisciplinary collaboration while showcasing the diverse educational opportunities available across VGCC's campuses.

The day concluded with opportunities for reflection as students shared what they learned and how the experiences broadened their understanding of healthcare careers.

MEDICAL ASSISTING & BIOTECHNOLOGY IN ACTION



Students also traveled to the Franklin Campus, where they explored the Medical Assisting Program with Dr. Mercedes Kamoru. Participants toured the clinical laboratory, learned about the medical assistant's role in patient care, and observed demonstrations of common clinical skills used in ambulatory healthcare settings.

The visit also included an opportunity to explore the Cosmetology Salon and the Biotechnology Lab with Dr. Andrew Pais, where students discovered how laboratory science, research, and biotechnology contribute to advances in healthcare. Together, these experiences showcased the many educational pathways offered at VGCC while highlighting the teamwork that connects clinical care and laboratory science.



STUDENT SUCCESS SPOTLIGHT

MORIAH HALL EARNS FULL-RIDE SCHOLARSHIP



Student Success Spotlight: Moriah Hall Earns Full-Ride Scholarship

The Medical Assisting Program is proud to celebrate the continued success of 2026 graduate Moriah Hall. After earning both her high school diploma and Associate Degree in Medical Assisting, Moriah has been awarded the prestigious 2026–2027 Chancellor's Academic Scholarship (Full Ride) to attend Elizabeth City State University.

This distinguished scholarship recognizes students for their academic excellence, leadership, and commitment to learning. Moriah will begin her studies at ECSU this fall, where she plans to pursue a degree in Kinesiology.

Moriah's family shared their heartfelt appreciation for the support she received from the Medical Assisting Program, crediting the encouragement and guidance of the faculty as an important part of her educational journey.

Congratulations, Moriah! We are incredibly proud of your accomplishments and wish you continued success as you begin this exciting new chapter.

WELCOMING OUR NEW FACULTY



Quenetta Johnson is the new Program Head for the Social and Human Services program here at Vance-Granville Community College. She is a Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor Supervisor, educator, and doctoral candidate with more than 15 years of experience spanning public health, community health, community mental health, and higher education.

Quenetta holds a Master of Education in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, a Master of Business Administration with a concentration in Project Management, and a Graduate Certificate in Addictions Counseling.

Throughout her career, Quenetta has served in a variety of clinical, teaching, supervisory, and leadership roles dedicated to advancing the helping professions. Her professional and research interests include counselor resilience, wellness, burnout prevention, leadership development, and workforce sustainability in behavioral health.

Quenetta is passionate about preparing the next generation of human services professionals through student-centered teaching, mentorship, and community engagement here at Vance-Granville Community College. She is committed to fostering compassionate, ethical, and culturally responsive professionals who are equipped to make meaningful differences in the lives of individuals and communities.

Welcoming Our New Faculty

🌟 Welcome 🌟 TO OUR NURSING DEPARTMENT

INTRODUCING OUR NEW TEAM MEMBERS

Please join us in welcoming Cynthia Knott and Michelle Williams to the Nursing Department. We are excited to have them join our team. Both team members began on **June 1, 2026**, and we look forward to the experience, dedication, and support they will bring to our students and department.



Cynthia Knott

NURSING FACULTY

Cynthia Knott joined the Nursing Department on June 1, 2026. We are pleased to welcome her to the team and look forward to the knowledge and support she will bring to our students and program.



Michelle Williams

CLINICAL EDUCATION COORDINATOR

Michelle Williams joined the Nursing Department on June 1, 2026. We are excited to welcome her and look forward to the organization, collaboration, and support she will bring to our clinical education efforts.



Thank you for joining our commitment to excellence in nursing education and compassionate care.

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