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### **LIFELONG LEARNING BENEFITS LCC NURSING PROGRAM**

(Lamar, Colorado; January 25, 2010) The success of any nursing program is dependent on the commitment, motivation and education of its faculty. In 2008 and 2009, three of Lamar Community College's nursing faculty received master's degrees and one faculty member completed a doctoral degree. Kathy Henderson completed a Master's of Science in Nursing (MSN) with an Adult Nurse Practitioner track from the University of Colorado - Denver. Mary Ann Turner was awarded a MSN with a focus on Nursing Education through Walden University. And Nancy Winsor achieved an MSN with a Nursing Education focus through Angelo State University. Director Sandy Summers completed a Doctorate of Nursing Practice from the University of Colorado Denver in December of 2009.

LCC Nursing faculty members believe that the progress through and attainment of advanced degrees positively impacted 2009's 100% pass rates of the first year practical nursing and the second year associate degree nursing cohorts at Lamar Community College. Faculty members are applying their increased knowledge to current academic and clinical instruction as well as developing additional opportunities for nursing and allied health education. The college plans to implement new allied health program offerings in next two academic years.

"The LCC Nursing Program has a solid foundation as we begin the process of becoming nationally accredited," stated Summers. In late December, Nursing faculty and staff submitted a presentation to the National League for Nursing Accreditation Commission (NLNAC) to obtain national accreditation for the program. Although the Nursing program is accredited by the State of Colorado, successful completion of this intensive process will create additional benefits to students and the program. They include periodic reviews by respected and competent peers affirming program quality and validity as well as identifying areas for development; faculty development opportunities; student recruitment benefits; and an additional "quality seal" for program graduates, increasing their professional and educational standing.

Program instruction and accreditation efforts will occur simultaneously for the next two years.

Applications for fall 2010 entry are currently being accepted. Prerequisite coursework must be completed before admission into the program. For additional information on current nursing program openings, please call Mary Lou Myers at 719.336.1594 or email [nursing@lamarcc.edu](mailto:nursing@lamarcc.edu).

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