

healthbeat

A monthly community update from Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital

We're partnering with Post-Secondary Education because. EDUCATION PAYS

Nowhere is Kentucky's theme, "Education Pays," more evident than in healthcare. And, at Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital, we are doing our part to ensure that more people have the opportunity to access higher education through our support and partnership with the consolidated Somerset Community College - formerly STC, LTC, and SCC.

Actually, our involvement with higher education takes many forms - from direct monetary contributions and in-kind donations of equipment to enhance the learning opportunities for health care students to scholarships for new students and tuition reimbursement for our employees.

As the leader in healthcare for this region, we also believe one of our roles is to provide additional educational opportunities for individuals in the area. When the nursing shortage became a critical issue during the 1990's, Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital stepped in to provide a \$105,000 grant to SCC to help expand their nursing program and give more students the opportunity to enter this important profession.

Our latest collaborative effort with Somerset Community College addresses another critical shortage - that of radiographers. Working closely with Dr. Jo Marshall, CEO of the Somerset District, LCRH leadership and SCC officials began to lay groundwork to develop a new radiography degree program to enhance the educational opportunities for students in this area.

An essential component of the plan was funding, and Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital spearheaded a campaign to garner financial support for the new program from area hospitals in order to make offering the program financially feasible for the college. Our donation of \$332,193 along with a commitment from Wayne County Hospital, Clinton County Hospital, and Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care Center of \$45,000 each over the next three years, will provide the necessary start-up funds for the program. In addition to the obvious benefit of helping relieve a critical shortage of staff, this initiative will also enable many individuals to have a better job, a better standard of living and the opportunity to help others through their profession.

Why do we do this? Because our commitment to the growth and development of healthcare services to meet the needs of the people in our service area is one we take seriously. It is a partnership. We are a team. And, as our hospital continues to grow, we want to do our part to make this area an even better place to live, to work, and to play.

So, while Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital plays an important part in many very worthwhile programs and projects, few will have the impact on the future of our community and our region like our support of education and our partnerships with institutes of higher learning.

Because - like you - we know that Education Pays.



Congressman Hal Rogers (second from right) joined Jo Marshall Ph.D. (second from left), President of Somerset Community and Technical College and Charlene Harris (right), chairperson of Somerset Community and Technical College Board of Directors in accepting Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital's \$332,193 pledge for the radiography program from Tom Weiss, hospital CEO.



(Far Left) April Shepherd, ECU graduate student in Speech-Language Pathology demonstrates neuromuscular facilitation under the watchful eyes of LCRH Speech-Language Pathologist, Di Clark, as ECU student Amy Jenkins observes. Our hospital hosts a three-month rotation for these SLP students. (Left) SCC Phlebotomy student, Jennifer Patton, finds the "right" vein as LCRH Phlebotomist, Clayetta Gibson, observes.



Occupational Therapy students from ECU get some hands-on experience in the LCRH Rehab Unit. Kristen Ferrell is practicing the correct technique for teaching patients to utilize the pulley system to improve range of motion under the watchful eye of LCRH Occupational Therapist, Jewell Shope. Rehab staffer, Troy Stinson, OTR/L, works with ECU student, Nikki Sizemore, to demonstrate using the reacher to assist the patient in dressing herself.



Morehead State University radiologic technology students Brandon Gulley and Ty Maggard are completing their clinical rotations at LCRH. Brandon (above) learns some of the basic safety necessities of the job as he checks lead aprons for defects under the direction of Katrina Belcher, LCRH radiologic technologist. Ty (above) is learning the ropes of taking patient's X-Rays at the hospital's Imaging Center as Julie King, LCRH radiologic technologist supervises.



Sometimes taking blood pressures can be pleasant. SCC nursing student, Pamela Phelps, takes the blood pressure of LCRH patient, Dennis Rice, while students Sandra Stearns (l) and Tracy Hale (far right) look on. Clinical assignments by these registered nurse students are carried out under the supervision of Valeria Allen RN, MSN (partially hidden) and Nancy Owens, RN, MSN, both SCC associate professors along with LCRH surgical telemetry nurse, Lora Durham, RN.



STC Practical Nursing student, Amanda Muse, (above) learns about accessing the AcuDose system to obtain patient medications from Special Care Unit Nurse Director, Linda Hunter, RN. (right) Clinical Laboratory Technology students from SCC have the opportunity to get some real-life lab experiences in their clinical rotations at LCRH. CLT student Julie Petrey (seated) examines a slide under the direction of LCRH employees, Chissy Andrus, MLT, ASCP and Neal Brown, MLT, ASCP, as Karen Martin and Jamey Lawson look on.



DID YOU KNOW?

Somerset Community College, through a commitment to quality education, has been instrumental in educating many of the healthcare professionals in this region. The initiation of the new Radiographer program will make a total of seven career fields in the college's Health Division.

Your regional hospital partners with the following colleges and universities to provide clinical training sites:

- Somerset Community College - Laurel campus and Somerset campus
- Morehead State University
- University of Kentucky
- Eastern Kentucky University

Students studying in the following professions gain valuable hands-on training through clinical rotations at Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital:

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| Clinical Dietician | Clinical Laboratory Technology |
| Imaging/Radiology Technology | Licensed Practical Nurse |
| Medical Records | Occupational Therapy |
| Physical Therapy Assistant | Registered Nurse |
| Respiratory Therapy | Speech-Language Pathology |

With contributions of nearly \$500,000 Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital is one of the consolidated Somerset Community College's largest donors.



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