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ACTC OFFERING FREE STATE-FUNDED NURSE AIDE PROGRAM



Workforce Solutions at Ashland Community and Technical College (ACTC) is now enrolling for a three-week scholarship nurse aide class beginning in April.

Students who are selected for the class will take the course tuition free and also will receive gift cards through the process to commemorate various milestones.

"It's a great opportunity for someone who has always wanted to become a nurse aide, but never had the funds to pay for it," said Robin Harris, director of Workforce Solutions. "The milestone gift cards will provide additional money up to \$1,000 to help students offset other expenses such as gas, supplies, etc."

The scholarship funds are provided by the Commonwealth as a solution to the nurse aide shortage in long-term care facilities. The selection process is based on the minimum requirements and the applicant's needs.



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ECTC RECEIVES NEW LABOR AND DELIVERY MANNEQUIN



Elizabethtown Community and Technical College's (ECTC) nursing program is now training students on a new labor and delivery high-fidelity mannequin named Victoria. The mannequin is capable of simulating up to nine true-to-life labor and delivery experiences.

Victoria will advance the opportunity for students to develop skills needed to provide safe and effective care for early pregnancy complications, high-risk deliveries, postpartum emergencies and non-pregnancy scenarios.

"With Victoria and her baby, we're able to simulate situations that students before would have only experienced in clinicals," said Julie Hampton, assistant professor of nursing. "This technology will provide next-level education for our students on women's health. We're very proud to have her."

Kentucky Healthcare Workforce Collaborative, a grant led by the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education, provided \$62,000 in funding for Victoria as well as other funding for ECTC's Innovation in Healthcare Initiative. Victoria's arrival is a direct result of the effort to address unfunded needs to increase the number of skilled healthcare professionals in communities across the region.

All nursing cohorts and respiratory care students can train with Victoria on breath and cardiac rhythms, intubation scenarios and airway sounds that are synchronized to breathing patterns.

