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El Camino College Nursing Department Wins Grant

El Camino College's Nursing Department recently secured about \$1 million in grant funding over a two-year period from the California Community College Chancellor's Office to expand its program offerings.

Funds will be used for remodeling and infrastructure, and will enable the department to admit more nursing students. Additional spots in the program will open up to students on the waiting list, thereby shortening the time the students wait before entering the nursing program.

Students can expect to see upgrades as the grant money is used to furnish a new lab, create a faculty office, add equipment storage space, and remodel a classroom. Funds will also go toward the purchase of all necessary equipment needed in a skills lab and office as well as a classroom modernization project.

This grant comes at a time of major growth at the El Camino College Nursing Department. The number of students from all the partnerships will increase to approximately 110 in spring 2007, up from 74 students last semester.

"An increase in the number of qualified graduates is desperately needed to offset the local nursing shortage which continues to increase annually," said Dr. Katherine Townsend, El Camino College director of nursing. "This grant will really help us meet that need and serve more students."

The El Camino College Nursing Program is fully accredited and one of the largest in the state. With its impressive 93 percent overall pass rate for national licensing exams, El Camino College graduates are employed in various health care capacities all over the country.

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