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NDSCS TO HOLD PINNING CEREMONY FOR PRACTICAL NURSING GRADUATES AT JAMESTOWN

WAHPETON — The North Dakota State College of Science on Thursday will hold a pinning ceremony for graduates of its Practical Nursing program who completed courses taught in the Jamestown and Valley City area.

The ceremony is scheduled at 4:30 p.m. Thursday at the Anne Carlsen Center for Children in Jamestown. The graduates will receive an associate of applied science degree in Practical Nursing during the NDSCS Commencement ceremony Friday evening in Wahpeton.

The pinning ceremony and graduation culminate two years of courses for students from the Jamestown and Valley City area. A group of 14 students, most of whom were working in the health-care industry, started the nursing curriculum in fall 2002. Some took general education courses and prerequisites the previous spring.

The student group includes employees from the North Dakota State Hospital in Jamestown, the Anne Carlsen Center, Central Dakota Village in Jamestown, Sheyenne Care Center in Valley City and Hi-Acres Manor Nursing Center in Jamestown. The cooperative venture included assistance from Jamestown College, including adjunct faculty and the use of its lab facilities.

NDSCS recently received a continued eight-year accreditation for its Practical Nursing program from the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission. NLNAC is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as the national accrediting body for all types of nursing education programs. It is based in New York City.

NDSCS began offering a one-year practical nursing option in 1950 and developed a two-year associate of science degree in 1987. The program also has been approved by the North Dakota Board of Nursing.

All 38 NDSCS Practical Nursing graduates passed the National Council Licensure Exam last year, a 100-percent rate. The North Dakota average is 98 percent and the national average 87 percent for first-time writers.

NDSCS is a two-year, comprehensive, residential college in Wahpeton. The State College of Science offers degrees, certificates and diplomas in over 80 academic options in traditional career and technical studies and in the liberal arts. Approximately 97 percent of graduates from its technical programs find jobs in their chosen fields.

Unlike most two-year colleges, NDSCS offers a university atmosphere for its students, complete with residence halls, 35 affiliated clubs and organizations, music groups, theater productions, intercollegiate athletics, intramural athletics and numerous social activities.

NDSCS celebrated its centennial last year. The college opened in 1903 as the North Dakota Academy of Science.

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