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**Wake Technical Community College Chosen to Lead Curriculum Improvement**  
*Revisions Will Affect Nursing Curricula across the State Community College System*

**RALEIGH, N.C. (November 28, 2006)** — Dr. Stephen Scott, president of Wake Technical Community College today announced that Wake Tech has been awarded a two-year N.C. Community College System grant for a Curriculum Improvement Project to restructure and revise the North Carolina associate degree nursing curricula. At the urging of officials at community colleges across the state, Wake Tech submitted an application for the CIP. On the writing team for the grant application were Wake Tech instructor Charlotte Blackwell; Alisa Nagler, dean of the Health Sciences Division; and nursing department head Judy Rahm. Blackwell will serve as director for the project, which will result in one curriculum standard for all N.C. associate degree nursing programs, instead of the current two. The project is also expected to result in improved articulation for students transferring among community colleges in the state, increased retention of nursing students, and a larger number of better prepared graduates available to meet workforce expectations.

One representative from each of the 55 community colleges offering the nursing program in North Carolina will provide input for the project, notes Blackwell in describing the project's scope. "No other states with this many colleges and numbers of students and faculty have achieved a total curriculum restructuring," she says.

Curriculum Improvement Project grant opportunities are made possible with North Carolina State Board of Community Colleges reserve funds. Grants are administered by the Division of Academic and Student Services in the North Carolina Community College System Office.

"We are honored to have been chosen to lead the associate degree nursing curriculum improvement project," said Dr. Scott. "We are pleased to have a member of our faculty leading a project that will influence nursing education and the healthcare workforce statewide."

**About Wake Technical Community College**

Wake Technical Community College (Wake Tech) is a two-year, public institution providing an open door to education and training for the citizens of Wake County and surrounding communities. Known as "College for the Real World," the college provides a comprehensive array of learning opportunities. Curriculum (for-credit) programs in more than 168 academic, vocational, and technical specialties offer two-year associate degrees in science, applied science, the arts, and general education; university transfer programs for entry into four-year institutions; and diploma and certificate programs that prepare workers to succeed at jobs in high demand in the community. Wake Tech offers a broad scope of continuing education courses, including training for entrepreneurs and small business owners, public safety officer training (fire, rescue, and law enforcement), high school equivalency classes, and noncredit courses for personal and professional development. As the second largest community college in the state, Wake Tech provides customized workforce training for new and expanding industries and a cooperative education program that interfaces with the corporate community. For more information, please visit <http://www.waketech.edu>.

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