



CUTLINE: A nursing student at Southern State Community College utilizes a Human Patient Simulator as part of the program curriculum.

## Simulator added to SSCC's health sciences programs

Students in Southern State Community College's health sciences programs will gain an increasingly realistic lab experience thanks to the addition of new Human Patient Simulator (HPS).

The SSCC Foundation Board recently voted to allocate necessary capital from the Elmer and Helen Reed Fund for the purchase of the simulator to be placed at the college's newest campus in Mt. Orab.

"I am excited to see the use of this fund for enhanced experiences for our students in the health sciences programs," said Dr. Kevin Boys, SSCC President. "Our college continues to benefit from the generous gift of the Reed family."

In 2005, Elmer and Helen Reed bequeathed \$1.57 million to the college's nursing program. Mr. Reed had served as one of the first trustees of Southern State Community College, representing Fayette County from 1976 to 1988. The Reeds were highly supportive of the

progress of Southern State and were particularly interested in the development of quality nursing programs. Their interest was clearly demonstrated as they left a major portion of their estate to support those programs in whatever way the college deemed appropriate.

“Use of simulation in the health sciences programs has increased greatly over the past few years,” said Bruce Fugate, SSCC nursing professor and simulation lab director. “The addition of this simulator will allow us to continue to meet the needs of our students and expand simulation availability at our Brown County Campus in Mt. Orab.”

The Elmer and Helen Reed Fund has been utilized in the past to support the nursing program as a leading-edge offering at Southern State. Located on the college’s Central Campus in Hillsboro, the Reed Simulation Lab was created to house three different types of simulators for students—the Human Patient Simulator (HPS), the BabySIM, and the PediaSIM. At the Fayette Campus in Washington C.H., the fund supported new chemistry and biology laboratory spaces. In 2011, the fund allowed for the purchase of an additional HPS, as well as a virtual IV simulator and two medication dispensing units.

“The nursing faculty and I are excited to be able to utilize the technology to assist the students in developing skills to prepare for their clinical experiences and future nursing practice,” said Dr. Julianne Krebs, director of the SSCC nursing program. “We are extremely fortunate to be the beneficiary of the Reeds’ philanthropy and to have the support of the community and the SSCC Foundation.”

Southern State offers a one-year practical nursing certificate which can lead seamlessly into the college’s associate degree in nursing, both accredited by the Ohio Board of Nursing. Other health science offerings at Southern State include certificate programs in billing and coding, medical transcription, pharmacy technician, and phlebotomy, as well as associate degree programs in medical assisting and respiratory care. To learn more, please call 1-800-628-7722, email [info@sscc.edu](mailto:info@sscc.edu) or visit [www.sscc.edu](http://www.sscc.edu).