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Fayetteville Tech's Mitzi Averette Selected by National League for Nursing for Selective Faculty Leadership Development Program for Simulation Educators

FAYETTEVILLE, NC – October 10, 2011 – Mitzi Averette (Simulation Lab Coordinator at Fayetteville Technical Community College) has been selected through competitive application for the year-long Leadership Development Program for Simulation Educators, the National League for Nursing's faculty leadership initiative designed for those interested in assuming a leadership role in the research or administration of simulation programs in nursing education.

This second cohort consists of twenty nurse educators chosen from colleges and universities around the United States to study for a year under the direction of Dr. Pamela Jeffries, a professor in the Department of Health Systems and Outcomes and Associate Dean for academic affairs at John Hopkins University School of Nursing. Nationally known for her research and work in developing simulations and online teaching and learning, Dr. Jeffries is well regarded throughout the academic community for her expertise in experiential learning, innovative teaching strategies, new pedagogies, and the delivery of content using technology in nursing education.

"Mitzi Averette has displayed initiative and leadership as she developed the Fayetteville Technical Community College (FTCC) Simulation Laboratory. This honor reflects her continuing efforts to bring the latest technology and best practices to enhance education for health program students at FTCC," said FTCC Dean of Health Programs Mitzi Johnson.

"We are excited about the initiatives and the work being done in our Nursing Simulation Lab to advance learning for our students to new levels using simulation technology. At the end of the day, it's our faculty and staff members who make the difference in how well we serve our students at Fayetteville Technical Community College," said FTCC President Dr. Larry Keen. "We are pleased with Mitzi's initiative with the use of simulation technology and her selection for this Leadership Development Program."

About Mitzi Averette. A graduate of the Medical College of Georgia with a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing, Mitzi Averette joined Fayetteville Technical Community College in January 2001 as a part-time clinical instructor with the Practical Nursing Program after having worked in many areas of nursing throughout her career. In 2009, Mitzi joined a multidisciplinary task force at FTCC to help set up the new high-fidelity Simulation Lab and was chosen in 2010 as the Simulation Lab Coordinator. Her excitement and enthusiasm for teaching with simulation prompted her to apply for the NLN Leadership in Simulation Education program.

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Founded in 1961, Fayetteville Technical Community College is one of 58 institutions in the North Carolina Community College System. FTCC serves more than 38,000 students annually by providing over 150 occupational, technical, general education, college transfer, and continuing education programs.

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