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*North Carolina GlaxoSmithKline Foundation Awards Grant to  
Fayetteville Technical Community College to Assist Military Students  
In Earning Degrees in Health Fields*

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. – November 16, 2010 –The North Carolina GlaxoSmithKline Foundation awarded a \$70,000 grant to Fayetteville Technical Community College for its “Pathways to Second Service in Health Programs” project. The project will assist soldiers and veterans in using their military education and experience to gain degrees in the health sector. Fayetteville Tech will use the grant to create bridging programs that translate military training and education into curriculum career tracks in health fields, such as Emergency Medical Services and Respiratory Therapy.

“The North Carolina GlaxoSmithKline Foundation grant offers exciting opportunities and will help Fayetteville Tech better serve not only our military students but also our health care community by offering unique programs of study in health fields that are designed to recognize a military member’s health-related training and education and apply that expertise into curriculum career tracks,” said FTCC President Dr. Larry Keen. According to Mitzi Johnson, FTCC’s Dean of Health Programs, “The FTCC Health Programs area is excited about the opportunity for collaboration with the North Carolina GlaxoSmithKline Foundation. We believe that not only will the Pathways to Second Service in Health Programs project assist military partners in making the transition to civilian careers, but it will also address the needs of the growing healthcare industry by providing an increased number of highly qualified health professionals.”

The North Carolina GlaxoSmithKline Foundation supports programs that promote sciences, health, and education. Chartered in 1986, the North Carolina GlaxoSmithKline Foundation began awarding grants in 1987, typically supporting programs in North Carolina that help meet the educational needs of today’s society and of future generations.

FTCC’s contact for questions regarding the North Carolina GlaxoSmithKline Foundation grant and FTCC’s involvement is Mitzi Johnson, FTCC Dean of Health Programs, at [johnsoma@faytechcc.edu](mailto:johnsoma@faytechcc.edu) or at (910) 678-8372.

Fayetteville Technical Community College was established in 1961 and serves over 37,000 students annually by providing 150 affordable occupational, technical, general education, college transfer, and continuing education programs to meet students’ needs and desires as well as the community. More information about FTCC is available at [www.faytechcc.edu](http://www.faytechcc.edu).

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