SIMULATION TECHNOLOGY BRINGS TRAUMA TO LIFE FOR DAVENPORT NURSING STUDENTS

Grand Rapids, Mich., Jan. 15, 2013 – Teaching nursing students to be change agents in the complex healthcare world has been a key focus in Dr. Karen Daley’s career. Her advocacy for high-fidelity simulation scenarios at Davenport University plus the expertise she shares in her new book, Simulation Scenarios for Nursing Educators, Second Edition, are helping a new generation of professionals prepare to handle the wide range of situations they will face in their healthcare careers.

Dr. Daley, Dean of Davenport’s College of Health Professions, co-wrote the book with Dr. Suzanne Campbell to provide a practical, step-by-step guide to designing and developing simulation scenarios and integrating them into the nursing curriculum. Drawing on very different experiences in public and private institutions, Drs. Daley and Campbell recruited authors from a variety of institutions across the U.S. to help with the book by providing nurse simulation scenarios.

Davenport University stages simulation scenarios in its state-of-the-art nursing labs using high-fidelity simulation mannequins that mimic real-life, complete with unpredictable trauma situations ranging from heart attacks and strokes to pediatric emergencies and live births. These simulation mannequins – controlled by instructors in control booths – provide nursing students the opportunity to gain hands-on experience for the wide range of illnesses and life-threatening situations they will face in their careers.

“Utilizing Sim technology in tandem with classroom learning allows for hands-on solidification of concepts for our students,” said Dr. Daley. “Simulation mannequins are essential to the nursing curriculum and enhance our students’ ability to transition from education to practice. Excellence in nursing is not just a goal; it is a journey. Simulation can help take you there.”

About Davenport University
Founded in 1866, Davenport is a private, non-profit university serving more than 11,000 students at campuses across Michigan and online. With tuition among the lowest of all private universities in the state, Davenport provides high academic quality, small class sizes, conveniently located campuses, faculty with real-world experience and more than 50 dynamic undergraduate and graduate programs.

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