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CAROLINAS COLLEGE STUDENTS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN AN INNOVATIVE LEARNING EXPERIENCE

Charlotte, NC – First semester Carolinas College nursing student Steven Cuzmenco answered the call to deepen his understanding of teamwork, inter-professionalism, and patient-centered care in an acute care environment. He was the first college participant in the Pulse Weekend. The Pulse Weekend is a three-day experience that takes medical students and students from Carolinas College through various acute care settings.

Sharing feedback about his experience, Steven Cuzmenco stated, “I really enjoyed my experience. It was amazing to see how the ED operates. I got to see a wide range of healthcare situations. As a student nurse, it showed me how vitally necessary communication is in healthcare. Reporting detailed information is paramount to providing the best care possible for the patient.”

The goal of the Pulse Weekend is to give students an opportunity to experience acute care and recovery across the various departments and systems of the hospital. Starting from the Emergency Department at Carolinas Medical Center, Carolinas College students are paired with a third-year medical student for the weekend experience. This multi-disciplinary observation team will select an acutely ill medical or surgical patient, join the admitting team and follow the patient through the weekend and hospital stay. The CCHS student sees healthcare through the lens of a single patient, meeting the family and every member of the care team.

[Carolinan College of Health Sciences](http://www.CarolinasCollege.edu) (www.CarolinasCollege.edu), recently ranked the number one two-year college in the nation for two consecutive years, offers programs in many areas of health care. Graduates consistently exceed state and national certification testing benchmarks, demonstrating their exceptional preparedness in careers such as medical laboratory science, nursing, radiation therapy, histology, radiologic technology, and surgical technology. The College also offers individual courses in the sciences and liberal arts as well as continuing education programs in professional skills and integrative medicine. Carolinas College offers student access to the Carolinas Simulation Center, a rich collection of high fidelity human patient simulators and procedural task trainers.

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