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## **A.D.N. Program Has Capping Ceremony for Fall Graduates**

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**Concord, NC, December 3, 2010** – The Cabarrus College Association of Nursing Students (CCANS) recently held a capping ceremony to recognize intended fall graduates of the Associate Degree in Nursing program. The nursing cap has been an iconic symbol of the nursing profession for over a century. It was first introduced by Florence Nightingale, who was responsible for the development of training programs for nurses, as well as the design of the first nursing uniforms. The nurse's cap was designed after a nun's habit, as a way to give credit to the work of nuns as the earliest nurses.



A.D.N. student Susan Wilhelm receiving her cap from Dale Gressle, faculty member and program alumna.

Twenty-two students were presented their caps during the recognition ceremony. The students included: Laura Anderson, Sherrills Ford; Denise Black, Harrisburg; Jill Bradley, Davidson; Holli Britt, Salisbury; Katie Davis, Salisbury; Missy Deaton, Mooresville; Heather Fry, Harrisburg; Katherine Gray, Concord; Amanda Haney, Kannapolis; Michelle Hardin, Kannapolis; Dana Hinson, Rockwell; Kayla Kelley, Salisbury; Dana Lindsay, Rockwell; Samantha McCoy, Concord; Jennifer Parker, Concord; Leanne Peterson, Harrisburg; Michelle Sapp, Rockwell; Jenna Storey, Kannapolis; Amanda Varghese, Huntersville; Marlea Wallace, Concord; Amanda Ward, Charlotte; and Susan Wilhelm, Faith.



A.D.N. student Heather Fry at the capping ceremony.

Students who participated in the ceremony were asked to describe why they wanted to become a nurse. Marlea Wallace, A.D.N student stated "I knew that I have always wanted to help others. I thought I knew what a nurse was, until I started nursing school. A nurse is much more than someone who helps others. We are

the voice for our patients, we establish a relationship with them and they put their trust in us. I had a patient nearing the end of her life and her sister took me to the side and said "I appreciate you still talking and communicating with her even though she's not responding to you." She hugged me. That moment made me realize that I was entering into the right field."

For more information about the Associate Degree in Nursing Program at Cabarrus College of Health Sciences, please call the Office of Admissions at 704-403-1555.



Cabarrus College Associate Degree Nursing Students Participating in the Capping Ceremony

### **About Cabarrus College of Health Sciences**

Cabarrus College of Health Sciences is located on the campus of CMC-NorthEast in Concord, North Carolina. 514 students are enrolled in five associate degree and three baccalaureate completion programs. Associate degree programs include medical assistant, nursing, occupational therapy assistant, surgical technology and associate in science. Baccalaureate completion programs include health services leadership and management, medical imaging and nursing. The College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). For additional information go to [www.cabarruscollege.edu](http://www.cabarruscollege.edu).