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## **Carolinas College of Health Sciences Earns Top National Ranking**

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December 7, 2011—The <u>Carolinas College of Health Sciences</u> (CCHS), a subsidiary of Carolinas Medical Center, has been <u>ranked</u> the top two-year college in the nation by a leading college and university information website. <u>StateUniversity.com</u> ranked CCHS the No. 1 two-year college in the nation and the No. 6 college in North Carolina, when compared with two- and four-year colleges and universities statewide.

"We are honored to receive this recognition and are delighted that two-year colleges are getting the attention and recognition they deserve," said Ellen Sheppard, President of Carolinas College of Health Sciences. "This ranking is an affirmation of the excellent faculty, staff and students who make up CCHS and of the unwavering support throughout Carolinas HealthCare System."

The StateUniversity.com college ranking, first released in 2009, analyzes data from the top 2,000 colleges and universities in the nation. The rankings are based solely on mathematical comparisons of key statistics, which compare student/faculty ratio, student retention, test scores and other factors. The website does not include peer review feedback in its rankings.

In 2011, CCHS ranked 154 out of 2,000 in the nation for highest overall score, and its 2011 ranking as No. 6 in North Carolina improved from No. 20 in 2010. According to the StateUniversity.com data, CCHS had a small student to faculty ratio, 100 percent retention among full-time students and a total of 506 students enrolled.

"Student success clearly is our top priority," Sheppard said. "A low student-to-faculty ratio allows us to focus on each student's needs. Students value our student-centered culture and that culture makes them even more committed to succeeding. Each of our academic programs leads to purposeful careers, so students rarely lose focus or change career goals." CCHS offers students educational opportunities in programs such as: General Education, Medical Laboratory Science, Nursing, Pre-Nursing, Radiation Therapy, Radiologic Technology and Surgical Technology.

<u>Click here</u> for the complete college rankings list on the StateUniversity.com website.

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<u>Carolinas College of Health Sciences</u> (www.CarolinasCollege.edu), ranked the number one two-year college in the nation, offers programs in health care education. Graduates consistently exceed state and national certification testing benchmarks, demonstrating their exceptional preparedness for careers in medical laboratory science, nursing, radiation therapy, 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 is home to the Carolinas Simulation Center, a rich collection of high fidelity human patient simulators and procedural task trainers.