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“WESTCHESTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE & BURKE REHABILITATION HOSPITAL TO PARTNER ON NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAM”

WHITE PLAINS, NY – August 11, 2011 -- Burke Rehabilitation Hospital and Westchester Community College have announced a new affiliation for students attending the college’s Registered Nurse Program. In the fall of 2011, nursing students from Westchester Community College will begin a clinical rotation at Burke in order to learn the skills necessary for their career as a registered nurse. Burke will offer them experience in the acute rehabilitation setting. Nursing administrators and educators at Burke have coordinated with the chair and faculty at WCC’s nursing curriculum to design a program that will be an outstanding partnership between the two facilities. This will merge the highly competitive and successful nursing program at WCC with the exceptional health care services that Burke offers. According to Pauline Jones, RN, FNP, CRRN; Assistant Director, Nursing Education at Burke Rehabilitation Hospital, “The new joint venture will allow WCC students to gain valuable practical knowledge about rehabilitation nursing while working directly with Burke clinical staff, “she said.
The plan is to bring the first semester students into the hospital in order to build beginning nursing skills in all areas. In addition, in spring of 2012, it is proposed that the fourth semester students will be involved in a capstone project. This project will enable the senior student to work directly with and be mentored by a staff nurse at Burke. The project will encourage students who are interested in rehabilitation nursing to specialize in this field.

It is anticipated that this initial affiliation of the Westchester Community College nursing curriculum and Burke Rehabilitation Hospital will continue to grow and expand. This relationship will afford nursing students at the college an excellent practical experience during their education and Burke will have the opportunity to work directly with nursing students that are interested in the field of acute rehabilitation nursing.

For additional information about Westchester Community College’s Nursing Program, call (914) 606-6600. For more information about any of Burke Rehabilitation Hospital’s in-patient, out-patient or education programs, call (914) 597-2500.

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