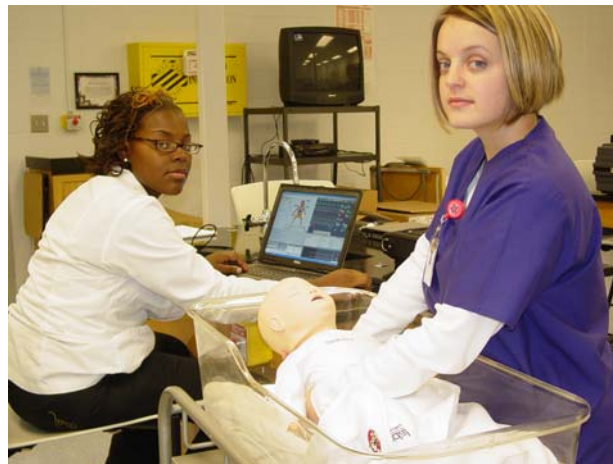




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## **HIGH TECH CENTRAL RECEIVES 2 HUMAN PATIENT SIMULATORS**

High Tech Central was recently awarded a Florida Succeed Grant from the Department of Education to offer a part-time evening/Saturday Practical Nursing program. The grant has also allowed the purchase of 2 human patient simulators, one adult and one baby. These simulators are very lifelike in that they breathe, cough, speak and possess many normal human body functions. With the purchase of the simulators, faculty members received 2 days of intensive training to learn how to program and operate the simulators. More importantly, faculty will learn to develop scenarios like those with real hospitalized patients. Students will have the opportunity to apply critical thinking skills to problem solve the situation presented and respond appropriately to the patient. As they do so, a Web cam will record the encounter and the instructor will be able to illicit patient response appropriate to the action of the student. Ultimately, scenarios will provide students experiences that can be substituted for some of the actual experience in the hospitals.

For more information on the programs offered in Health Science Education, please call 334-4544.

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