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**QCC Nurse Education Department to receive Generous Fairlawn
Foundation Gift**

Worcester—Quinsigamond Community College Interim President Sheila Sykes recently announced the receipt of a \$120,000 gift from the Fairlawn Foundation. Funds have been awarded for the creation of the Fairlawn Nursing Technology Lab -- a new state-of-the-art technology-based laboratory/classroom that will serve the over 300 nursing students, currently enrolled at Quinsigamond Community College.

“QCC is thrilled to be receiving such a generous gift from the Fairlawn Foundation and thank them for their continuing support, which began in 1999.” said Ms. Sykes. “Being able to develop a new lab will enhance the way instruction, information gathering, laboratory work, and testing are performed for and by our nursing students,” she added.

Quinsigamond Community College Nurse Education Department is a major provider of nurse education for the Worcester area and offers both Practical and Associate Degree in Nursing educational preparation. The project will create a teaching and learning facility that will improve curriculum delivery through use of electronic

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curriculum materials and contemporary computer-based client care processes.

“Much of the computer technology integral to this project’s design is consistent with that which the graduates will face as they enter the workforce.” said Patricia Creelman, Director of Nurse Education. She and Jane June, Dean of Healthcare and Human Services, will be instrumental in the design of the Fairlawn Nursing Technology Lab.

In 1999, the Foundation also funded an interdisciplinary health programs laboratory, where this new portable equipment will also be used.

The lab will allow 24 students at a time to work simultaneously under faculty instruction. The facility will include wireless computer networking allowing faculty to teach on computers using web or CD-ROM based materials. In addition, this will allow students to use computer-based resources for self-directed learning and in bed side care management.

Senior Program Officer Debra Medeiros said “knowing that state-of-the art nurse education is critical in today’s high demand field of nursing, the Foundation is pleased to be assisting its good friend Quinsigamond Community College.” “The enhanced instruction QCC faculty will be able to deliver to students can only make the community a better place to receive healthcare,” she concluded.

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