

# Centennial Hills Hospital Launches Partnership with Nevada State College Nursing Students

Beginning in September, eight nursing students from Nevada State College are embarking upon a new model of learning as they care for patients on the sixth floor of Centennial Hills Hospital once a week for the next two years.

Known as the Caring Science Unit, the students are mentored by Centennial Hills Hospital nurses, who serve as Caring Coaches. In their role, they teach both clinical skills and caring practices to students as they work with patients.

Caring practices, which are based upon the work of Dr. Jean Watson, focus on “providing care with loving kindness, having helping and trusting relationships, creating caring environments, meeting basic needs, and valuing the patient’s personal beliefs and faith,” according to the Watson Caring Science Institute website (2015).

John Coldsmith, RN, MSN, DNP (c), Chief Nursing Officer for Centennial Hills Hospital, is excited to be part of the program. “Our ongoing mission is to provide a caring clinical environment which helps our nursing students transition from college to a new graduate nurse. It will teach them important clinical skills, along with how to show caring, compassion and empathy. All staff need to be able to genuinely connect with our patients and families. This builds trust with our patients who aren’t feeling well or may be receiving bad news.”

Dr. Neal Rosenberg, Dean of Nursing at Nevada State College, is a long-time advocate of ensuring that *Caring* is the anchor to the nursing profession. As a post-doctorate fellow, mentored by Dr. Jean Watson, Dr. Rosenberg is positioned to collaborate with clinical leaders in an effort to bridge the academic/clinical environments. “I am so proud of this partnership with Centennial Hills. It is exciting to see the hours of planning and training among the academic and clinical teams as we co-create a space to better prepare our future and existing nurses.”

*The Valley Health System, which includes Centennial Hills Hospital, supports future health care professionals through its collaboration with many colleges and universities as a clinical site for students studying nursing, medicine, therapy, pharmacy, nutrition and emergency medicine services. In addition to the Caring partnership program with Nevada State College, The Valley Health System has dedicated education units at Spring Valley and Summerlin hospitals for nursing students at University of Nevada – Las Vegas.*

\*Source: Watson Caring Science Institute, 2015, retrieved from <http://watsoncaringscience.org/watson-caritas-patient-score/>

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