

Eight graduate from PCEF/hospital CNA training program

Eight Patrick County residents were honored at a graduation ceremony and reception in Stuart Thursday evening marking their successful completion of certified nursing assistant (CNA) training.

The new graduates have completed a 160-hour CNA training program offered by R. J. Reynolds-Patrick County Memorial Hospital and co-sponsored by the Patrick County Education Foundation. This is the hospital's first CNA class since the early 1990s and the first ever offered in partnership with the foundation.

Graduates were presented with certificates of completion by Leslie Mordue, R.N., director of nursing, and pinned by CNA program instructor Eileen Bowman, R.N., employee health and education



Graduates of the hospital's CNA class were: front row (left to right): Margietta Holt, Chasity Holmes, Beth Shelton, Director of Nursing Leslie Mordue, Nicole Dillon; back row: Phebe Goard, Kimberly Martin, Diane Edwards, foundation director of development; Eileen Bowman, CNA instructor; Doris Hughes, LPN and instructional assistant; Beverly Riddle; and Phyllis Boles.

nurse. Graduating were: Phyllis K. Boles, Nicole Dillon, Phebe M. Goard, Chastity D. Holmes, Margietta Holt, Kimberly A. Martin, Beverly L. Riddle and N. Beth Shelton.

The Virginia Board of Nursing sets and regulates all aspects of CNA education programs including content of classroom and clinical training, instructional personnel qualifications and other requirements. To become a certified nursing assistant, individuals must complete an approved CNA training program and successfully pass the Virginia nurse aid competency evaluation.

Nursing assistant is one of the top 10 jobs nationally with the greatest projected growth in demand through the year 2014. A second CNA training program is planned at the hospital for fall 2006.