

# Texas Workforce Press Release

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## **South Texas Hospitals Partner with South Texas College for \$146,487 Nursing Mentorship Program**

AUSTIN – South Texas hospitals are partnering with [South Texas College](#) (STC) to prepare and train registered nurses to serve as mentors, known as preceptors, to nursing students using a \$146,487 Workforce Investment Act (WIA) statewide grant from the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC).

The goal of the STC Nursing Mentorship Program is to identify and train preceptors from local acute-care hospitals to allow for growth of the nursing program and provide guidance for nursing students at STC. The capacity-building grant will be used to prepare and train approximately 73 registered nurses (RN), increase the number of students admitted to the nursing program and provide increased job retention and improved job satisfaction among newly licensed nurses at local healthcare facilities.



TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Hope Andrade makes a \$146,487 WIA check presentation to representatives from South Texas College and South Texas hospitals for a Nursing Mentorship Program.

*Photos Courtesy: Workforce Solutions Lower Rio Grande Valley*

“We are pleased to award this grant as part of our Healthcare Innovation Project initiative to help meet the demand for registered nurses in the McAllen healthcare industry,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Hope Andrade. “This project is designed to provide an enhanced learning experience and hands-on training to nursing students while increasing the number of licensed RNs all across Texas.”

The STC grant is part of a \$500,000 WIA Allocation by TWC to fund training through its Healthcare Innovation Project. Tarleton State University, Del Mar College and Sam Houston State University have also been awarded grants designed to meet the high demand for nurses in medically underserved areas.

The project's objective is to support quality education for nursing students by supporting hands-on instruction. In addition to this WIA funding, a portion of the state's [Skills Development Fund](#) is being used to support partnerships between community colleges and health care employers to develop training for health care professionals, allowing them to advance their careers through certification or licensure in an allied health care program or specialized training for registered nurses. Projects with Grayson County College, El Paso Community College and El Centro College near Dallas are currently underway as a part of this effort.

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