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Ferris' College of Allied Health Sciences renames departments

BIG RAPIDS – Ferris State University's College of Allied Health Sciences changed its departmental structure to reflect the configuration of allied health educational "state-of-the-art" curricular and programmatic offerings. It also will allow for a more efficient configuration.

The current Department of Nursing and Dental Hygiene will become the School of Nursing, bringing the program into alignment with other nursing programs in the state, according to Michael Harris, vice president for academic affairs. The School of Nursing will encompass Ferris' associate through master's degree in nursing offerings and will be directed by Julie Coon.

Dental Hygiene will become part of a Department of Dental Hygiene and Medical Imaging, which replaces the Department of Imaging Sciences. The new arrangement includes offerings in Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Nuclear Medicine Technology and Radiography. A search is being conducted for a department head.

The program configuration within the Department of Health Management will remain the same, but the name will be changed to the Department of Clinical Laboratory, Respiratory Care and Health Administration Programs so prospective students and community constituents can more readily recognize and locate programs when seeking information. Ellen Haneline will serve as department head over the Phlebotomy Certificate, Medical Laboratory Technology, Medical Technology, Medical Record Clerk Certificate, Medical Office Assistant Certificate, Unit Clerk Certificate, Coding and Billing Certificate, Medical Records Technology, Medical Records Administration, Health Care Systems Administration and Respiratory Care.

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