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## WCHS Ensures Excellence in Nursing through Continuous Education

*Winnebago, NE* — Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System (WCHS) is proud to announce the ongoing success and expansion of its continuous education program for nursing and clinical staff, a vital initiative ensuring the highest standards of patient care and professional development within our healthcare community.

Nurse Education program at WCHS is designed to correlate teaching with practical learning. Utilizing advanced manikins, the program educates on a wide array of clinical techniques and equipment, promoting high standards of care through evidence-based practice. One notable example includes training on the Zoll defibrillator monitors used in our Emergency Department.

At the helm of the department is Nurse Educator Sheryl Steuk, who has been an esteemed member of the Nursing Administration Team for the last five years. In her role, Sheryl serves as an advisor, collaborator, and patient advocate, providing invaluable resources to clinical staff. Her work is essential in integrating evidence-based practice and clinical research into everyday nursing. Sheryl plays a multifaceted role that includes mentoring new hires, conducting skills labs, and leading educational sessions directly within departments during shifts. This hands-on approach not only fosters a supportive learning environment but also ensures that our nurses are proficient in the latest techniques, equipment, and standards of care.

WCHS ensures all nurses have the required state licensure and perform annual training requirements as mandated. Sheryl's efforts have resulted in an impressive 100% compliance rate for up-to-date licensures and certifications among our nursing staff, which includes 2 Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs), 6 Certified Nursing Assistants (CNA), 1 Certified Medical Assistant (CMA), and approximately 44 Registered Nurses (RNs).

Sheryl's advocacy for higher education and adult learning is reflected in the structured micro-learning sessions and frequent skills reviews conducted throughout the year. New nurses at WCHS spend the first week of their training with Sheryl, participating in intensive learning sessions, which significantly boost their competence and confidence.

WCHS remains committed to fostering an environment of continuous learning and professional growth for our clinical staff. This is instrumental in equipping our nursing staff with the knowledge and skills



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needed to deliver exceptional patient care. We applaud Sheryl Steuk and the Nursing Administration for their unwavering dedication to excellence and their role in advancing healthcare standards.

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The Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System (WCHS) is dedicated to creating and sustaining a healthy community in Winnebago and all the populations we serve. Our organization provides an integrated approach to medicine by offering care services that are compassionate, innovative, and culturally-centered. Our goal is to lead the nation in health for indigenous people by challenging the culture of healthcare for the 10,000 Native Americans who live on the Winnebago Reservation and in the surrounding region. The rural healthcare services we provide include renowned acute care hospital services, a robust primary care clinic, and impressive prevention programs designed to educate, encourage, and support the mental, environmental, social, and physical wellness needs of the Winnebago community. Visit www.wchs.health to learn more.