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**CPCC, CABARRUS COLLEGE AGREEMENT FACILITATES TRANSFER FROM DENTAL ASSISTING TO BACHELORS IN HEALTH SERVICES LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT**

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**Concord, NC, June 17, 2008-** Central Piedmont Community College (CPCC) and Cabarrus College of Health Sciences (CCHS) recently signed an articulation agreement for dental assisting diploma students, which will help facilitate the educational process at both institutions. The agreement will ensure a smooth transition for graduates of CPCC's Dental Assisting diploma program into the Bachelor of Science in Health Services Leadership and Management degree at Cabarrus College of Health Sciences.

By following the curriculum plan developed for the articulation agreement, a graduate with a diploma in dental assisting can more efficiently plan his or her academic schedule to better facilitate entry into the Health Services Leadership and Management program at Cabarrus College. A copy of the agreement is available online at <http://www.cabarruscollege.edu/programs/bshlthMgmt.html>. The agreement is the outcome of a series of collaborative meetings between faculty of both programs resulting in the development of a transitional curriculum plan building on the course work in the dental assistant diploma program, preparing students for entry to the Health Services Leadership and Management program.

"This agreement provides a seamless transition for CPCC dental assisting students entering Cabarrus College's Health Services Leadership & Management program. We are happy to partner with CPCC to make CCHS programs more accessible to CPCC graduates," said Dr. Dianne Snyder, Chancellor of Cabarrus College of Health Sciences.

"The agreement comes at a time when all allied health programs are working to address the critical shortage of health care professionals across the state and nation," states Dr. Tony Zeiss, President of Central Piedmont Community College. "The articulation ensures a smooth transition for our students into the program at Cabarrus College of Health Sciences."

The Health Services Leadership & Management program is one of three bachelors' degrees offered by Cabarrus College. The degree prepares graduates for leadership roles with healthcare organizations.

## **About Central Piedmont Community College**

CPCC is the largest community college in North Carolina, offering 100 degree and certification programs, customized corporate training, market-focused continuing education and special interest classes. CPCC is academically, financially and geographically accessible to all citizens of Mecklenburg County. In 2002, the National Alliance of Business named CPCC the Community College of the Year for its response to the workforce and technology needs of local employers and job seekers through innovative educational and training strategies.

## **About Cabarrus College of Health Sciences**

Cabarrus College of Health Sciences is located on the campus of CMC-NorthEast in Concord, North Carolina. Over 420 students are enrolled in five associate degree and three baccalaureate completion programs. Associate degree programs include medical assistant, nursing, occupational therapy assistant, surgical technology and associate in science. Baccalaureate completion programs include health services leadership and management, medical imaging and nursing. The College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). Cabarrus College has experienced tremendous growth this decade, with enrollment doubling and applications for admission increasing nearly 200% since 2003. For additional information visit online at [www.cabarruscollege.edu](http://www.cabarruscollege.edu).