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## **Designed for Leadership: Quincy College and Bane Care partner to train 21st Century Nursing Leaders**

**SOCIAL MEDIA RELEASE (140 Characters):** [@QuincyCollege](#) & [@BaneCareMA](#) partner to train 21st century nursing leaders with new leadership clinical experience.

**Press Release Summary:** Quincy College is partnering with [BaneCare's Hancock Park Rehab and Nursing Center](#) to train 21st Century Nursing leaders to complement their curriculum, offering a unique **leadership clinical experience**, training students to assume leadership roles in the workforce as part of their formal Quincy College education. Currently, 36 students have gone through the leadership rotation at Hancock Park.

**Quincy, MA (11/27/2017)** - Quincy College is partnering with [BaneCare's Hancock Park Rehab and Nursing Center](#) to train 21st Century Nursing leaders. As sixty Quincy College students enter their last semester of the Associate Degree in Nursing, Quincy College has partnered with BaneCare to complement their curriculum, offering a leadership clinical experience, training students to assume leadership roles in the workforce as part of their formal Quincy College education. Currently, 36 students have gone through the leadership rotation at Hancock Park with several students completing leadership clinical at [BaneCare's Bay Path Rehab and Nursing](#) Center in Duxbury.

"Quincy College is proactively addressing the changing educational needs of Nursing students. As NCLEX testing scores decline across Massachusetts and nationally and students face difficulty in passing their nursing certification boards, Quincy College sought to create a curriculum that leads to successful careers. Our partnership with Bane Care allows Quincy College to deliver a leadership clinical to complement our core curriculum, preparing Quincy College nursing students to enter the workforce as leaders," Quincy College Dean of Nursing, Lori Koehler.

Koehler elaborates: "Simply put, we can outline clear objectives, leadership values, accountability across a concept based curriculum but thinking like a nurse in the moment when a doctor is asking for your insight or a patient needs your help is a hard skill to teach in the classroom. This new partnership and leadership clinical experience addresses how to think like a nurse and the needs of 21st century nurses."

In addition to their clinical rotations, Quincy College students participate in four weeks of acute care clinical rotation at local area hospitals, rehab facilities, and elder care services like Braintree Alliance, South Shore Hospital, and Cape Cod Hospital. In addition to the acute care training, Quincy College Nursing students also experience four weeks of hands-on training in a simulation lab at the Quincy or Plymouth campuses.

Students participating in the leadership clinical at Hancock Park in Quincy are learning critical nursing skills that are quite difficult to teach in a classroom such as prioritization, communication, delegation, coordinating care, advocating for patients and families, and understanding the role of the nurse that reflects integrity, responsibility, and ethical practices. They learn these skills during the leadership clinical experience.

"Leadership and management are an important comprehensive part of nursing education. As the student begins their journey through nursing school, they learn to deconstruct the clinical context of the situation at hand. Students at the end of nursing school need to learn to how to apply their knowledge to real situations. This leadership rotation at Bane Care provides Quincy College Nursing students with the opportunity to apply their learning situationally, rather than being solely theory driven," Cynthia Hernan, MSN RN, Assistant Dean of Academic and Clinical Experience for Quincy College Nursing.

The relationship with BaneCare was a natural fit for Quincy College's 21st Century Nursing program objectives. A long-standing, community resource known for excellent care, BaneCare strives to achieve the highest possible quality of care for their patients and residents with several care facilities located across the South Shore.

"Our partnership with Quincy College, their instructors, and students has been mutually beneficial over the years," says Melanie Brance, RN, Director of Nursing Services at Hancock Park. "Students have learned from Hancock Park employees and we have learned a tremendous amount from the students. Hancock Park has also had the opportunity to hire many of students upon graduation; their comfort with our facility has given students a good start in their careers. A Quincy College graduate is now our Assistant Director of Nursing and has a vital leadership role in our facility."

Quincy College hopes to build upon the success found with the BaneCare - Hancock Park partnership and roll out a leadership clinical experience to all of their nursing programs, across different clinical site ensuring that all students graduate with a leadership foundation that informs their careers. Quincy College is pursuing additional clinical sites to expand the leadership clinical offering including Braintree Alliance and Care-One in Weymouth. To learn more about Quincy College's Nursing program, visit <https://quincycollege.edu/nurse>.

### **Supporting Documents for Press Release**

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## **ABOUT QUINCY COLLEGE**

Founded in 1958, Quincy College is a two-year, municipally affiliated community college serving approximately 4,500 students at campuses located in Quincy and Plymouth, Massachusetts. Quincy College is an open access institution that encourages academic achievement and excellence, diversity, economic opportunity, community involvement, and lifelong learning. The College facilitates valuable learning relationships that inspire students to realize their educational and professional futures. The college offers 37 associate degree programs and 25 certificate programs in a variety of disciplines, including those within Professional Programs, Liberal Arts, Natural & Health Sciences and Nursing. The college is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, and is licensed by the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education to grant the degrees of Associate in Arts and Associate in Science. As the "College of the South Shore", Quincy College draws a diversity of students from the greater metro Boston area, South Shore, Cape and the Islands, as well as 121 countries around the world. For additional information, visit [www.quincycollege.edu](http://www.quincycollege.edu)

## **ABOUT BANE CARE**

Bane Care Management is a trusted family-owned senior services company. Since 1959, Bane Care Management has been a leading provider of rehabilitation, skilled nursing, assisted living options and adult day health in Massachusetts. For more information, visit [www.banecare.com](http://www.banecare.com). Bane Care Management has corporate offices in Wakefield and Norwell, MA. BaneCare's Hancock Park Rehabilitation & Nursing Center in Quincy is a 142-bed skilled center offering short-term and long-term care. Hancock Park has a dedicated Subacute Unit, specializing in cases that are medically complex or rehabilitation-intensive. The center takes pride in providing care that is truly state-of-the art and compassionate. Conveniently located near the heart of downtown Quincy, Hancock Park has served as the city's premier nursing center since 1996.