

COLLABORATIVE NURSING INITIATIVE BRINGS MOLDOVAN REPRESENTATIVES TO GREENSBORO



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The School of Nursing at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University is involved in a collaborative nursing partnership with schools of nursing at Guilford Technical Community College, the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and clinical partners Cone Health Systems and High Point Regional Hospital to expose nurses from the Republic of Moldova to western nursing culture and practices.

Officials from the Republic of Moldova visited Greensboro, N.C. from Nov. 8-14 on a trip sponsored by the Guilford Rotary Club. During the collaborative nursing initiative visit Moldovan visitors were exposed to nursing practices through classroom observations, open discussions and skill lab and simulation lab activities.

“The purpose of them being here is to study our curriculum, our teaching methodologies. We’re hopefully trying to expose them to all the different roles that nurses can be trained to do in the health care profession,” said Stephen Mackler a member of the North Carolina –Moldova National Guard State Partnership Program committee.

“We are pleased to have members of the visiting team on campus with our faculty,” said Inez Tuck, dean and professor in the School of Nursing at North Carolina A&T. “This particular initiative is an effort to

increase the quality of nursing education in the Republic of Moldova. A more highly educated workforce will impact the quality and access to healthcare for the citizens of Moldova,” she said.

The North Carolina–Moldova Partnership was formed on April 22, 1999. The partnership falls under the National Guard State Partnership Program (SPP) which links U.S. States with partnering countries to support security cooperation of objectives the Combatant Commander. Those objectives include bilateral consultations for access and enhancement to military capabilities, medical and humanitarian needs, improving cultural awareness and more. This specific collaboration encompasses two planning committees in both North Carolina and the Republic of Moldova who work together to improve the lives of the people they serve.

“A&T's School of Nursing's participation in this Collaborative Nursing Initiative with Schools of Nursing at UNCG and GTCC, and clinical partners, Cone Health and High Point Regional Health Systems is an example of how nursing education and practice are working together to improve the quality of healthcare provided to the citizens of this Piedmont Region and throughout North Carolina,” said Tuck.