



CSUCI Nursing Program Gets \$143,499 To Equip Lab

Camarillo, Calif., Aug. 12, 2008-California State University Channel Islands is the recipient of a Congressionally Directed Grant for equipment for the Nursing Program's Nursing Simulation Laboratory. The \$143,449 grant was sponsored by U.S. Congressman Elton Gallegly (R-California).

The grant money was appropriated during the 2008 fiscal year through the House Labor, Health and Human Service, and Education Appropriations Subcommittee.

Construction of the 3,300-square foot Nursing Simulation Laboratory will be complete this fall, with the total cost of the project budgeted at \$1.97 million-which includes \$1.319 million for the construction costs and \$658,000 for the lab equipment. The Congressional Directed Grant money only will be used to cover the costs of equipment for the lab, and makes up 20 percent of the \$658,000 budgeted for equipment.

"The Nursing Simulation Lab equipment and the laboratory will provide our students with learning opportunities in a hands-on environment that will better prepare them for the situations they will encounter in the field," said Dr. Karen Jensen, Chair of CSUCI's Nursing Program.

The Nursing Simulation Lab will be stocked with human simulators that can be programmed so that students can practice specific nursing skills. These types of simulators create a greater number of opportunities for students to experience and learn from cases or situations they will encounter as practicing nurses in the field.

The Nursing Program at CSUCI accepted its first 66-student cohort in fall 2007, and will welcome a cohort of 37 this fall. The University's Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Program is the only program of its type in Ventura County, and is one of only four universities-two others in Los Angeles and CSU Bakersfield-that offer a BSN in the region.

In addition to the recent \$143,499 grant sponsored by Congressman Gallegly, since 2002, the Congressman has helped secure \$198,400 to fund CSUCI's Nursing Program. That money has been used to aid in the research, develop, and launch the University's Nursing Program.

CSUCI will commence its first BSN degree candidates in 2010.

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