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**19 NURSES COMPLETE ADVANCED NURSE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM
Exclusive Program Trains Rising Leaders in Skilled Nursing Facilities**

(ALBANY, N.Y.) – Nineteen nurses from nursing facilities across the state have completed the Foundation for Quality Care’s first-ever Advanced Director of Nursing Leadership Program, an exclusive program for nurses in senior management roles who are working in the long-term care profession.

The Advanced Director of Nursing Leadership Program is part of the Long Term Care Leadership Institute, which was developed by the Foundation for Quality Care, a non-profit research and educational foundation affiliated with the New York State Health Facilities Association. The innovative program, assisted by funds from the New York State Department of Health and Labor - Health Workforce Retraining Initiative, provides college-level credits through the State University of New York Institute of Technology’s (SUNYIT) School of Nursing and Health Systems in Utica and also provides contact hours New York State Nurses Association.

This advanced course is the newest addition to our already highly successful Leadership Institute which has developed and implemented courses for Administrators, Directors of Nursing, Staff Development Coordinators, First Line Managers and Quality Improvement Specialists. This newest course was developed directly as a result of directors of nursing requesting the next level of knowledge to help meet the national leadership competencies for nurses in long term care. We had many of the original directors of nursing apply to participate in this first offering.

“No one is more important to the delivery of quality care than nurses and nurse leaders. We need to do everything we can to support them,” said Richard J. Herrick, President of the New York State Health Facilities Association and the Foundation for Quality Care. “Programs such as these are critical to the long-term success of skilled nursing facilities in New York State.”

The Long Term Care Leadership Program was designed to provide nursing leaders with an ongoing educational and peer networking program that promotes personal development, core competencies and best practices in the role of long-term care nursing.

“The Institute is even more critical in these times of staffing shortages and increased quality of care and financial pressures in the long-term care profession,” said Richard Patterson, Executive Director of the Foundation for Quality Care. “This program trains the current and most importantly, the next generation of nurse leaders who care for New York’s most frail populations.”

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Nurses Complete Nurse Leadership Program

The 19 participants who have completed the Advanced Director of Nursing Leadership Program are:

Lisa Brown, Director of Nursing Services, ElderWood Health Care At Oakwood, **Williamsville**

Betty Carmody, Director of Nursing, The Brightonian, **Rochester**

Kelly Davids, Director of Nursing Services, Seneca Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, **Waterloo**

Rosemary Dunford, Director of Nursing, The Crossings Nursing and Rehabilitation Centre, **Minoa**

Tina Ford, Director of Nursing, Millard Fillmore Skilled Nursing Facility, **Buffalo**

Lisa Frearson, Director of Nursing, Penfield Place, **Penfield**

Robert Huff, Assitant Director of Nursing, St. John's Health Care Corp., **Rochester**

Lorie Kane, Director of Nursing, Wellsville Manor Care Center, **Wellsville**

Lorie Mellini, Director of Nursing, Auburn Nursing Home, **Auburn**

Patti Murphy, Director of Nursing, Park Ridge Living Center, **Rochester**

Nadine Reich, Assistant Director of Nursing, Kirkhaven, **Rochester**

Mark Robbins, Director of Nursing, Chautauqua County Home, **Dunkirk**

Phyllis Rosenberger, Director of Nursing, Fulton County RHCF, **Gloversville**

Dawn Serwacki, Director of Nursing, ElderWood Health Care At Linwood, **Lancaster**

Kimberly Steele, Director of Nursing, East Side Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, **Warsaw**

Tonya Stumpo, Director of Nursing, ElderWood Health Care At Crestwood, **Niagara Falls**

Katherine Talarczyk, Director of Nursing, Maplewood Nursing Home Inc., **Webster**

Kimberly Wear, Director of Nursing, St. Catherine Laboure Health Care Center, **Buffalo**

Janet Wysocki, Director of Nursing, Absolut Ctr for N & R at Gasport LLC, **Gasport**

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