

**CHANCELLOR'S TASK FORCE ON NURSING EDUCATION
VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM**

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***AN ANNOUCEMENT AND INVITATION TO PARTIES WITH A VESTED INTEREST IN NURSING
EDUCATION IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA***

By the year 2020, Virginia will need 22,600 more registered nurses. This need greatly exceeds the current licensure rates of nurses to fill the growing number of vacancies. In the context of this growing crisis to provide more adequately for the health care needs of the Commonwealth, Chancellor Glenn DuBois, with joint sponsorship of the Virginia Hospital & Healthcare Association, has asked a 15-member task force of community college and health care experts from across the state to make recommendations on how to increase the number of nursing graduates from Virginia's community colleges.

The initial work of the Task Force will include research and collection of data. Interested constituents and stakeholders are invited to participate in any one of the following fact-finding public hearings to be held at four regional locations. **All hearings are scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. and conclude by 12:00 noon.**

Tuesday, July 26, 2005 — Grayson Commons at Wytheville Community College, 1000 East Main Street, Wytheville, VA.

Tuesday, August 2, 2005, Room 154, Northern Virginia Community College Medical Education Center, 6699 Springfield Center Drive, Springfield, VA.

Friday, August 19, 2005, Merritt Hall Multipurpose Room, Central Virginia Community College, 3506 Wards Road, Lynchburg, VA.

Thursday, September 8, 2005, The Gallery, J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College, 1701 E. Parham Rd., Richmond, VA.

For travel directions to these sites, please check each college's respective website.

If you plan to attend and address the Task Force members, please **E-mail or call Dr. Lewis at the above address. If you are interested but unable to attend any of the hearings, your written comments will be welcomed.**

We look forward to your participation.



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