MEDIA ALERT
DATE: July 8, 2011
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PHOTO/MEDIA OPPORTUNITY

WHO: Students in Pilot Boot Camp Program for Juvenile Offenders
WHAT: Visit to the College of Nursing and Health Sciences at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
WHEN: Monday, July 11, from 2:15-3:30 p.m.
Best Media Opportunities: Program participants may be interviewed and photographed, but their faces may not be shown

• 2:15-3 p.m.— Blood pressure, temperature and heart rate demonstrations with senior nursing student partners (IH 281)
• 3-3:30 p.m. – Simulated Birthing Experience (IH 281)
WHERE: Island Hall Room 281 (Second Floor Lab)

Juvenile Offenders to Witness Live Birth Simulation during Tour of University’s College of Nursing and Health Sciences
HELP program stresses job training, career development and leadership skills

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – Ten students participating in a boot camp program for juvenile offenders will witness a live birth simulation, and learn to read and monitor vital signs as part of a tour of the University’s College of Nursing and Health Sciences on Monday, July 11, from 2:15-3:30 p.m. in the second floor labs located in Island Hall.

The tour and demonstrations are part of a pilot program initiated by Judge Brent Chesney that encourages juvenile offenders to become involved in career development and leadership activities. Through the program, at-risk and challenged youth visit work sites throughout Nueces County to get a first-hand look at jobs that may spark their desire to remain in school.

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Following a campus tour, the students will observe a simulation of medical surgical nursing at 2:15 p.m., and will partner with a senior nursing student to learn to take blood pressure, temperature and heart rates, and how to map symptoms for a diagnosis. From 3-3:30 p.m., they will watch a simulated birthing experience.

The students in the program were selected by the Nueces County Juvenile Justice Board to make partial resolution of their disciplinary sentences by participating in the special four-month “On Site Career Mentoring Program” administered by Hammons Education Leadership Programs (HELP) in conjunction with the Juvenile Justice Board, at the direction of Judge Chesney. When a student finds a field in which they are interested, the program attempts to find mentors for the student and get them job training in that field.

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