Hodges Recognized by The Journal Of Neonatal Nursing

Coley Hodges, a nursing instructor at Beaufort County Community College, was recognized for her research last month in Neonatal Network, The Journal of Neonatal Nursing. Ms. Hodges, with the assistance of colleague, Pauline Vincent, conducted research on feeding practices of nurses in intensive care units serving premature infants. The purpose of the study was to determine why neonatal nurses do not perform a particular feeding practice which is known to help preterm infants thrive by retaining electrolytes. The research included a survey of 75 registered nurses employed in a neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) at a regional teaching hospital. Neonatal Network published the survey results and suggestions by Ms. Hodges and Ms. Vincent. Ms. Hodges says although the study was limited to one hospital, she hopes the findings will prompt more nurses to use this feeding practice with premature babies. Ms. Hodges has served as a member of the BCCC nursing faculty since 1989. She teaches fundamentals, medical, surgical, psychiatric and pediatric nursing. Ms. Hodges earned a bachelor of science degree in nursing at UNC-Chapel Hill and a masters of science in maternal child nursing at East Carolina University. Before teaching she served as a staff nurse, charge nurse and head nurse in pediatrics at teaching hospitals in Chapel Hill and Greenville.