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Palm Beach Community College celebrates opening of newly remodeled medical imaging laboratory in Palm Beach Gardens

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(Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. - Oct. 23, 2003) Palm Beach Community College is celebrating the opening of its newly renovated medical imaging laboratory in Palm Beach Gardens Oct. 31.

Beginning at 9 a.m., faculty and staff will offer tours of the facility located in the Lewis Center, 3160 PGA Blvd. The \$500,000 project includes all new digital X-Ray and ultrasound equipment that is becoming commonplace in hospitals. College officials say the new equipment will enhance the training students receive for the high-demand radiography field.

“We have a suite that is of the same quality as hospitals,” said Vicki Shaver, Ed.D., chair of the medical imaging department. “Our goal was to have the students’ learning experience translate directly to the workplace.”

The facility was designed with input from the entire hospital community from Boca Raton to Jupiter. Several hospitals and businesses also donated equipment. Jupiter Medical Center donated X-ray cassettes, the Veteran’s Administration Hospital teamed with Fuji Corp. to donate computed radiography equipment and Philips Medical Group donated an ultrasound machine.

“The Department of Health Sciences at PBCC is responsive to the training needs of our health care employers, and because of their design input and equipment donations, we can now increase enrollment in our radiography program and offer the sonography program,” said Jacqueline Rogers, associate dean of health sciences.

PBCC offers an associate in science degree in radiography. Earlier this year, in response to industry demands, the College increased the number of students it accepts yearly into the radiography program. It also began offering a new 14-month associate in science sonography program for registered radiographers and other health care professionals who want to specialize in that field.

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