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## **HALIFAX REGIONAL HONORS 54 EMPLOYEES**

**ROANOKE RAPIDS, N. C. (December 22, 2009)—Halifax Regional has recognized 54 Certified Nursing Assistants for their success in job skills.**

They have earned Career Readiness Certificates, a national recognition program that reflects their skill levels as Nursing Assistants. They passed a rigorous test covering math, reading and locating information during a four-hour examination.

The testing was coordinated by Debbie Sanders, director of education at Halifax Regional, and administered by Larry Crisafulli, business and industry coordinator at Halifax Community College.

“Halifax Regional is proud of these employees, who have proven their job skills,” said Will Mahone, president of the medical center. “The nursing assistants have gone above and beyond to enhance their service to patients.”

“Nursing Assistants are vital to the recovery of patients,” said Karen Daniels, vice president of nursing. “They provide direct care to them.”

Mahone and Dr. Ervin Griffin, president of Halifax Community College, spoke at a ceremony Tuesday at the Medical Center. Daniels presented certificates, signed by Governor Perdue, to the nursing assistants.

The Career Readiness Certificate program is a new program designed to improve skills and knowledge of nursing assistants.

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### **About Halifax Regional**

Halifax Regional Medical Center is licensed for 204 beds, including psychiatric and nursery. A non-profit organization, Halifax Regional is fully accredited by the Joint Commission. For more information, visit [www.halifaxregional.us](http://www.halifaxregional.us).