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TCC breaks ground on health professions center

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VIRGINIA BEACH -- Tidewater Community College broke ground Wednesday on a new 65,000-square foot regional health care professions center.

13 health care industry-related programs at the Virginia Beach campus will see more classroom and lab space.

The expansion is needed because programs like nursing and nurse's aide continue to attract students.

"We put through every semester 100 students and they're full before anybody can come to them. A lot of people are getting laid off. A lot of people are realizing this is recession proof and this is the way to go," says program director Robin Brevard.

The new building is expected to be complete late next year.

The 15 state-of-the-art labs and 15 simulation rooms will prepare students for real-life experience and careers.

Labs:

- (3) Certified Nursing Assistant
- (3) General Medical
- (1) Occupational Therapy
- (2) Physical Therapy
- (1) Sleep (Polysomnography)
- (2) Radiology
- (1) Registered Nursing
- (1) Respiratory Therapy
- (1) Sonography

Simulation Rooms:

- (1) Ambulance simulation area
- (1) Doctor's office simulation room
- (8) Emergency Medical Services simulation rooms
- (1) Physical Therapy simulation room (two-story living-quarters simulation)
- (2) Radiology simulation rooms
- (2) Respiratory Therapy simulation rooms

