

## CONNORS STATE COLLEGE NURSING PROGRAM

Connors State College's associate degree program in nursing began in 1984 and has since grown to include the state-of-the-art Nursing and Allied Health building in Muskogee and has expanded into serving students in Tahlequah. Connors also has a Career Ladder program for licensed practical nurses and paramedics. Through lectures, simulation, and clinical components of the curriculum, students gain a variety of hands-on experiences that will prepare them for work in the industry. This program is essential in Connors State College's mission to "build futures one at a time." Through expansion and additional funding for the program, more students will build a future in healthcare.

## **Tahlequah Career Pathways**

Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine at the Cherokee Nation and Connors State College have joined forces to provide interprofessional education for nursing and medical students. Connors State nursing students will have the opportunity to enhance their clinical skills at the new state-of-the-art medical campus in Tahlequah, where they will engage with medical students in simulation labs and participate in seminars. This collaboration decreases the need for travel to Connors State's Muskogee campus. The interprofessional education emphasizes communication skills and team-based patient care, preparing students for success in the complex healthcare system. The partnership commenced in August, offering students valuable training opportunities.











