Nursing Student Tutoring Center at the St. David’s School of Nursing

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Beginning Fall Semester 2017, the St. David’s School of Nursing approved the opening of a Nursing Student Tutoring Center (NSTC). The collaboration necessary for the success of the tutoring center between students, committees, faculty and staff is unprecedented. A senior nursing student, William Gaines, was instrumental in developing the NSTC. Mr. Gaines developed the proposal for the NSTC and presented it to the Faculty/Student Governance (F/SG) committee. After a few revisions, the proposal was approved by both the F/SG and Faculty Assembly. The senior student tutors, Ryan Doyle, Abigail Erdner, Emma Golden and Kinsey Falaschi were selected based on their experience, GPAs and successful interviews. The tutors focus on the Pathophysiology and Pharmacology for
Nurses course as this course tends to be most challenging for first semester nursing students. First semester nursing students who utilize the NSTC reported that the tutors were extremely helpful in improving their understanding of difficult concepts taught in the Pathophysiology and Pharmacology for Nurses Course. The timeline for developing this center from idea to fruition was approximately one year in the making. It is clear that the St. David’s School of Nursing at Texas State University is student-centered and dedicated to including creative expression and service.