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CAROLINAS COLLEGE STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL HOTSPOTTING INITIATIVE

Charlotte, NC – An inter-professional team of learners from the Charlotte Campus of UNC School of Medicine, Carolinas HealthCare System’s Center for Advanced Practice, and Carolinas College of Health Sciences were selected as one of 10 teams to participate in the 2015 National Hotspotting Learning Collaborative sponsored by the Association of American Medical Colleges, Camden Coalition of Healthcare Providers, and Primary Care Progress. Addressing patients who have complex care needs and are frequently admitted, the Hotspotting Project is an interdisciplinary initiative to identify these patients and invest resources to prevent readmission and confront the underlying root causes of their healthcare needs.

Participating from Carolinas College of Health Sciences are nursing students Amy Decoste and Kathryn Gorham. Both Amy and Kathryn are second-year nursing students who will graduate in May 2015. For more information about hotspotting and the 2015 cohort, read the [blog](#) from Primary Care Progress.

[Carolinan College of Health Sciences](http://www.CarolinasCollege.edu) (www.CarolinasCollege.edu), recently ranked the number one two-year college in the nation for two consecutive years, offers programs in many areas of health care. Graduates consistently exceed state and national certification testing benchmarks, demonstrating their exceptional preparedness in careers such as medical laboratory science, nursing, radiation therapy, histology, radiologic technology, and surgical technology. The College also offers individual courses in the sciences and liberal arts as well as continuing education programs in professional skills and integrative medicine. Carolinas College offers student access to the Carolinas Simulation Center, a rich collection of high fidelity human patient simulators and procedural task trainers.

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Top row, L to R: Kathleen McDeavitt (medical student), Matthew Horn (medical student), Ashley Lang (ACP Fellow, junior faculty member), Dr. Trisha White (Assistant Dean, UNC School of Medicine Charlotte Campus). Bottom row, L to R: Dr. Emily MacNeill (faculty advisor), Rachel Koontz (ACP Fellow), **Kathryn Gorham (CCHS nursing student)**, Robert Wiggins (medical student) and **Amy DeCoste (CCHS nursing student)**. Not pictured: Dulce Mange (social worker), Erin Hartsfield (ACP Fellow, junior faculty member), Iris Cheng, M.D., (Internal Medicine Clerkship Director).