



# PINNING CEREMONY

for the Associate Degree Nursing Class

May 15, 2025

NEW RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
DUBLIN, VIRGINIA



# Order of Program

Processional

Welcome ..... Ms. Helen Wolfe  
Dean of Health Professions, NRCC

Opening Comments ..... Dr. Robert Brandon  
President, NRCC

Introduction of Speaker ..... Dr. Peter Anderson  
Vice President for Instruction and Student Services, NRCC

Guest Speaker ..... Mr. Logan Underwood  
NRCC alumnus, Class of 2021

Pinning Remarks..... Ms. Wolfe

Pinning of Nursing Students..... Clinical Instructors

Blessing of the Hands ..... Dr. Graham C. Mitchell  
Retired Professor of Psychology and Religion, NRCC

Nursing Faculty

Nursing Students

Recognition of Earn to Learn participants..... Ms. Wolfe  
Ms. Melinda Tunnell  
Earn To Learn Grant Specialist, NRCC

Recessional

*The audience is asked to remain standing during the processional and recessional.*

## 2025 Associate Degree Nurses

Leigh Anne Akers\*  
Kaylee Mae Albert\*  
Kaylee Madison Bishop\*#  
Melanie Shay Bishop^#  
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Brianna J. L. Bowen\*  
Jesse Owen Buzzard\*  
Sharlene Cathelene Granada Calva\*^  
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Maegen Kathlene Davidson\*  
Kelsey Erin Finnerty\*#  
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David Mitchell Taber<sup>\*</sup>  
Daniel Tahlor Traynham<sup>\*#</sup>  
Madison Elaine Vass<sup>\*</sup>  
Teresa May Wheatley<sup>\*</sup>  
Courtney Page Williams<sup>\*</sup>  
Morgan Danielle Williams<sup>\*</sup>  
Ashley Elizabeth Woodring<sup>\*</sup>  
Pamela Renee Wright<sup>\*</sup>

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A special thank you to our **18 clinical agencies**. These organizations generously provide opportunities for nursing students to work with patients as well as expert staff members.

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The NRCC nursing pin was designed to symbolize the nursing education experience and the future path of the nursing graduate.

The **winding path** represents the opportunity for you to go anywhere.

You stand at the **gate** now. It is open and invites you to travel beyond.

The **mountains** portray the beautiful area where we live and challenges to meet and new heights to attain.

The **bricks** in the wall symbolize a firm foundation on which to build.

The **sun** represents your bright future.

The **round shape** is the circle of teaching and learning and of giving and receiving.

The **Roman numerals** for 2003 appear on the gate, the year this program began.

*The New River Community College nursing pin was designed by Ms. Teri Moore,  
NRCC's first nursing program director.*