

Notre Dame of Maryland University receives \$90k for new nursing lab

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Notre Dame of Maryland University School of Nursing has received a \$90,000 grant from the Marion I. and Henry J. Knott Foundation for an obstetrics/pediatrics simulation lab in a planned Center for Caring with Technology.

The lab will include interactive mannequins of a baby, a small child and a mother in labor that will display symptoms and respond to students' actions, according to the university. The educational experience is intended to help students practice nursing assessments and interventions and strengthen their clinical reasoning skills.

"We are grateful to the Knott family for their longtime support of Notre Dame's powerful mission," said Katharine Cook, dean of the School of Nursing, in a statement July 24. "This generous grant from the Knott Foundation will allow us to provide realistic clinical scenarios in obstetrics and pediatrics for our entry-level nursing students."

The Center for Caring with Technology will be located in a new \$16.2 million, 32,000-square-foot academic building scheduled to open in fall 2013.

According to the university, more than 95 percent of its nursing graduates work in Maryland hospitals and health care facilities. The school has graduated more than 1,700 nurses since 1982.

The Marion I. and Henry J. Knott Foundation was founded in 1977 to strengthen the community within the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

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