



Sisters of Mercy SAW Program Invests in Future of Nursing

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Sisters of Mercy Health System is doing its part to alleviate nursing and other healthcare worker shortages through a job advancement and career development program.

Mercy, which includes 30 hospitals serving Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma, is joining forces with the School at Work program to provide job growth opportunities for entry-level co-workers.

The SAW “Building a Career Ladder in Healthcare” concept utilizes the Web, computer labs, DVDs and staff coaching to teach participants. It has workers review basic reading, writing and math skills; improve computer proficiency; and study medical terminology, medical ethics, anatomy and physiology.

“School at Work gave me the confidence to enroll in a nursing program,” nursing student Kathy Logue said in a news release. Logue started as a housekeeper 24 years ago at Mercy Health Center in Oklahoma City.

“I’ve always wanted to be a nurse, but for one reason or another, I never got around to it,” Logue said in a news release. “School at Work gave me the incentive to go back to school so I can become a nurse.”