

Norton Campus Ribbon Cutting

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After years of planning and months of renovations, the Colby Community College Norton campus building was officially dedicated on Saturday, Aug. 25. The newly-renovated 9,000 square foot facility located at 711 North Norton Avenue houses the CCC nursing program, outreach and adult basic education classes.

The Colby Community College Nursing Program began in 1969 on the Colby campus. In 1975 the program was expanded to Norton in a 2,400 square foot portion of the second floor of the Norton County Hospital.

The move into the newly-renovated facility allowed for the expansion of the program from 18 practical nursing students to 30 students each year. In addition, an associate degree nursing program started this fall with 10 daytime students. Evening programs were also added to accommodate 10 practical nursing students and 10 associate degree students, bringing the total number of students to 60 per semester.

CCC will offer adult education, GED prep and pre-healthcare bridge classes every Wednesday at the Norton campus. There is no charge to enroll in these courses.

The renovation and relocation of the program was a joint project funded by Colby Community College, Dane G. Hansen Foundation, Norton County Commissioners, Norton County Community Foundation, Norton County Hospital and Norton City/County Economic Development.

Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt was the guest speaker at the dedication. CCC President Dr. Steve Vacik, Norton Campus Coordinator Jean Ann Wilson, Norton County Hospital CEO Rich Miller and Norton City/County Economic Development Executive Director Scott Sproul also spoke prior to the official ribbon cutting.

“At Colby Community College we are committed to being different, better and purposeful,” said Dr. Vacik. “This facility and the expanded healthcare offerings are a testament to that commitment and to the people of northwest Kansas. Creating jobs, caring for the sick and vulnerable, supporting the community—those are just some of the long-term goals for our

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Norton Campus and its dedicated personnel.”

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