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## Women's Resource Center Hosts Information Session About Career Pathways in Nursing March 24

Guest speakers include representatives from Doctors Hospital, Blake Medical Center, and Galen College of Nursing.

(Sarasota-Manatee) According to RegisteredNursing.org, by 2030, Florida will have the highest disparity between nursing supply and demand in the nation, with the state projected to need over 57,000 nurses. And COVID-19 has only amplified the significance of this looming nursing shortage. Women's Resource Center (WRC) is hosting an online webinar on March 24 to encourage more women to explore various nursing career pathways, including Nurse Assistant (CNA), Practical Nurse (LPN), Registered Nurse (RN), and beyond. The session is part of WRC's monthly Career Connections program that links women to quality jobs and funded training programs. The free informational webinar is on March 24 from noon-1 p.m. Participants can attend by phone or computer and will be able to ask questions via a chatbox. Those interested can register at www.mywrc.org/Nursing or call (941) 256-9721 for more information.

Panelists include representatives from Doctors Hospital, Blake Medical Center, and Galen College of Nursing. Given all three of these organizations are owned by HCA Healthcare, many opportunities exist to receive paid training for various caregiver roles

at these facilities. Fully funded training and tuition reimbursement programs will be explained, with local monthly classes available.

HCA Healthcare announced one year ago that it had acquired majority ownership in Galen College of Nursing, one of the largest educators of nurses in the U.S. The partnership helps expand access to education and nursing career development through Galen's on-campus and online programs. Additional benefits include tuition reimbursement for most full- and part-time HCA employees, student loan debt assistance, and expanded certification offerings.

"We appreciate the chance to partner with WRC and help women explore the different pathways to a rewarding career in nursing," explains Mary Guthrie, Regional Manager of Healthcare Partnerships at Galen.

WRC also offers free individual career coaching. To learn more about this Career Connections information session or other services available at WRC, please call 941-256-9721 or visit <a href="mayurc.org">mywrc.org</a>.

## **About the Women's Resource Center:**

For more than 37 years, the Women's Resource Center has been dedicated to engaging, educating, enriching, and empowering women of all generations and socioeconomic levels. Today, WRC serves thousands of women and families in Manatee and Sarasota counties. Its vision is to provide unique strategies and programs that strengthen women through life's transitions and provide balance, confidence, and determination, which meet their immediate needs and provide hope for the future. To learn more, visit www.MyWRC.org.