Blake Austin College expands

Campus gets new equipment, more rooms

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VACAVILLE — Blake Austin College recently expanded its medical campus, adding state-of-the-art nursing and dental equipment.

The Orange Drive location added several new classrooms, a break room, lecture hall and a lounge. The facility offers a clinic-like setting for nursing and dental students to practice on both live and "life-like" models.

"This is Solano’s best-kept secret," said Joanie French-Reed, president and CEO of Blake Austin College.

Blake Austin College encompasses two campuses, medical and beauty and wellness, with more than 40,000 square feet of space.

The nursing program was founded in 2000 as a vocational program to help fast-track students. French-Reed added a dental program to the nursing school five years ago after researching local job demand.

The one-year medical program offers training in vocational nursing, dental assisting, clinical medical X-rays. The school offers free services to the public including sealants, polishing and X-rays.

Nursing students also can take advantage of an expanded clinic and lecture space. The new rooms include breathing dummies and ones that give labor, as well as two private patient rooms.

To learn more about Blake Austin College, visit www.blakeaustincollege.edu or contact enrollment adviser Kim Troyer at Kim@BlakeAustinCollege.edu.