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Chippewa Valley Technical College the first to adopt cutting edge simulation technology for nursing and health science education

Sarasota, FL – Chippewa Valley Technical College (CVTC), located in Eau Claire, Wis., will be the first technical college -- and only the second institution in the world -- to install the most advanced medical education simulation system available today. The system will significantly impact student learning by offering them a more realistic approach to working in a healthcare environment, according to Margaret Dickens, EdD, RN, CVTC health and business campus administrator.

The CVTC learning environment includes five human patient simulators, including adult, pediatric and infant models, which will be networked to replicate a real hospital utilizing new technology from Medical Education Technologies, Inc® (METI®). This technology, or METI LiVE™ – Learning in a Virtual Environment – is the commercial outgrowth of a $20 million military technology in development since 1997. Only one other facility, Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus Ohio, utilizes the LiVE system.

"CVTC students in the nursing, respiratory, dental and dental hygiene, paramedic, OR technician and renal dialysis programs will have the opportunity to care for multiple patients and run multiple units in real time," said Dickens. "This will provide the students a more realistic opportunity to practice critical thinking, triage, teamwork, communication, documentation and patient safety through the multiple levels and through transfer of care."

LiVE will be showcased in CVTC's Virtual Medical Center, which replicates a real hospital where patient care is transferred to multiple areas beginning at the Emergency Medical Services level to the Emergency Room, Critical Care Unit and to medical/surgical units. An operating room and renal dialysis unit are also included.

"The administration at CVTC should be commended for their vision and commitment to improve patient care and outcomes by providing their students with the most realistic, cutting edge learning technology available today," said Lou Oberndorf, METI president and ceo. "The LiVE system will allow students to learn and practice in teams, just as it will be when they enter their respective health care professions."

About METI

Based in Sarasota, Florida, Medical Education Technologies, Inc. (METI®) has been a leader in interactive human patient simulation since 1996. Each METI simulator is designed to simulate bleeding, breathing, talking, blinking and numerous other physiological characteristics to simulate various medical emergency scenarios including

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heart attack, drug overdose, vehicular accidents, effects from weapons of mass destruction, bio-terrorism and other traumatic injuries. More than 1500 organizations worldwide utilize METI's technology including leading medical schools such as the Mayo Clinic, Harvard, UCLA, Cleveland Clinic, Mount Sinai, Stanford and others. METI is a consolidated subsidiary of L-3 Communications (NYSE:LLL). Please visit www.meti.com for more information.

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