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From left: Shae Townsley, nursing student; Robert Prusak, Whitney Benefits board member; Cassandra Hemmer, nursing student; Marlene Ethier, E. A. Whitney Endowed Nursing Chair; and Phyllis Puckett, Assistant Director of Nursing, NWCCD.

Sheridan College nursing students get real-world experience with two-week practicum

STAFF REPORTS

SHERIDAN-- Sheridan College and Whitney Benefits offer funding for fourth-semester nursing students to pursue a two-week practicum in a clinical setting outside of Sheridan. This lets local students see how other clinics and hospitals operate.

This year, two Sheridan

College students participated in the program. Shae Townsley traveled to Rocky Mountain Oncology in Casper, while Cassandra Hemmer worked out of the Women's Health Department at Campbell County Hospital in Gillette.

The money from Whitney Benefits pays for travel, housing, educational and living expenses.

"The clinical experiences are incredible because students are able to practice in new settings and work with the health care team in those agencies," said Phyllis Puckett, Assistant Director of Nursing for the Northern Wyoming Community College District.

Puckett added that students then share their experiences with Sheridan

College faculty and students upon returning.

"That makes these sorts of initiatives essential to our entire program," she said.

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