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Terry Campus students practice first-responder skills

DOVER- In order to prepare students for first-responder career fields, Delaware Technical & Community College, Terry Campus held an emergency practice exercise yesterday on campus.

Students in Homeland Security and Emergency Management Technology, Nursing Technology, Paramedic Technology and Criminal Justice Technology role played as first responders, victims, bystanders and crisis managers during a controlled, planned scenario. The scenario included a student shooting multiple people in a classroom, and then shooting himself.

The exercise provided students the opportunity to gain experience in their respective career fields during a planned realistic exercise that is comparable to recent events.

Participating students did not know the scenario until the exercise began to make the rehearsal as realistic as possible. Upon entering the scene, EMT students were met with actors pretending to be seriously injured and in a state of panic. Homeland Security students needed to assess the situation and manage the Criminal Justice students in keeping order and maintaining a perimeter around the scene.

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According to Criminal Justice Instructor Jeff Peck, the students appreciate that the exercise reinforces classroom teaching.

“Students have learned the theory and now they are applying their skills in a controlled setting,” he said. “We want to prepare the next wave of emergency professionals to the best of our ability.”

Prior to the exercise, messages were posted on the campus website and in buildings so that faculty, staff, students and visitors were aware of the exercise. The Delaware State Police, Dover Police and Kent County Communications were also notified.

“This hands-on emergency management will equip the students to confidently perform in these important careers,” Vice President and Campus Director Daniel L. Simpson said.

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