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SMU Nursing Students Enroll in Baby Boot Camp

(SACRAMENTO, Calif., June 9, 2010) Samuel Merritt University (SMU) students in the Accelerated Bachelors of Science in Nursing (ABSN) program will be jumping feet first into the business of babies on Thursday, June 10.

WHAT Nearly three dozen nursing students from the Sacramento Regional Learning Center (SRLC) will take part in the intense and accelerated day-long Baby Boot Camp course. It will feature simulated mannequins to create life-like scenarios. The course will provide students with both aspects of the labor and delivery process – caring for mom and newborn.

WHY The Clinical Simulation Lab provides an environment for students to practice and demonstrate nursing skills. Utilizing available technology, a properly designed stimulation lab better prepares and enhances the ability of nursing students to learn the necessary and required skills used by healthcare professionals and an opportunity to develop proper health and safety skills that ensure competence.

“Nursing students learn psychomotor, physical assessment and critical-thinking skills necessary for clinical performance,” said Rene Clymer-Engelhart, RN, MSN, Managing Director and Assistant Professor. “Students have hands-on practice with the equipment and techniques they will need for the practice setting. Working with the mannequins help provide a simulated live interactive experience with realistic heart and breathe sounds, and movement.”

WHEN Thursday, June 10 starting at 10:30am

WHERE Samuel Merritt University Sacramento Regional Learning Center 2710 N. Gateway Oaks Drive Sacramento, CA 95833 (Clinical Simulation Lab)

CONTACT Interviews and photo/filming opportunities available. Contact Elizabeth Valente, Associate Director of Media Relations at 510.725.7980 cell and evalente@samuelmerritt.edu.

Samuel Merritt University, located in Oakland, California, has been educating health science practitioners who are committed to making a positive difference in diverse communities since 1909. Nearly 1,400 students are enrolled at SMU, with campuses in Oakland, Sacramento, San Francisco and San Mateo. The Sacramento Regional Learning Center was the first remote site to open nursing courses outside the main campus in Oakland. The University offers an undergraduate degree in nursing; master's degrees in nursing, occupational therapy, physician assistant; and doctoral degrees in physical therapy and podiatric medicine. For more information visit www.samuelmerritt.edu.