

Michael Evans, Ph.D., R.N., FAAN

How did the Mansfield satellite campus come to be?

0:05

We were contacted about four years ago by Dr. Nora Frazier, who's one of our DNP graduates here at Texas Tech, and she's the chief nursing officer there at Methodist Mansfield Medical Center. And she contacted me to see what the possibility would be for us to establish a traditional undergraduate program a satellite of our program there in Mansfield. So we went there, Karla Chapman, and Kendra Burris, and I paid them a visit. And we discussed the possibilities of what it would take for the community in for the hospital, to be able to provide the infrastructure for us to move our program there. And it took about four years to make it happen. But we did. And we're very, very pleased to be there.

Why is it important to educate more nurses?

0:55

We're an asset of the state of Texas. And so we believe that our implicit mission has to be to create what we can in terms of creating more nurses to ease the shortage, the ever present shortage of nurses all over Texas. So what that means is, it means for the community that they're going to have better health care, better access to health care, when they have family members in hospitals, but nurses aren't just in hospitals, it's in primary care clinics and schools we're everywhere. And so anywhere where you interface with, with anything of having to do anything with health care in the community there in Mansfield, or the Greater Dallas Fort Worth, your it's going to be improved by having improved numbers of nurses we'll be graduating 60 nurses per year, which will increase the supply by that many in the region. And there is a major push by Methodist Mansfield, of course, to retain those individuals, since they will be being educated within that hospital, they're going to be trying hard to keep them there so that when they graduate, they graduate they choose to, to come to work in that hospital, and they hope to stay in that region for some time.

What makes a red raider nurse so in demand?

2:18

You know, so one of the things that we've noticed is that our graduates are very, very much in demand. Our program has grown and reputation over the years, and I have to believe a reason for that is, is that we are absolutely creating nurses who have the knowledge and the skills necessary to be very successful at an entry level. In hospitals. Most of our students initially go to work in hospitals, they go through the residency programs and in hospitals. And that's what they do for the first part of their career is hospital nursing. So we try very hard to make sure through our simulation activities, our clinical activities, and of course, all of our all of our academic activities, that we absolutely create a student nurse and a nursing graduate, who have the ability and the knowledge and the skills necessary to be very successful in an entry level position in the hospitals have responded very, very positively. They are our students are in very high demand. Most of them 90 plus percent of them already have a job when they graduate. We're very, very proud of that. We do a very good job of selecting those on the front end, who can be successful in this program and then helping them to be successful.