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Mills and Stepp complete their BSN degrees

(Hendersonville, N.C.) Tricia Mills, R.N., director of cardiac nursing at Pardee Hospital and Eileen Stepp, R.N., director of surgical services at Pardee, recently completed their Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degrees. Both nurses previously received their registered nursing degrees and made the decision to go back to school to further their education and receive their BSN.

“I pursued my BSN at the University of Phoenix in order to become a better nurse by applying evidence to my practice,” said Mills. “My goal is to provide the very best care to every patient in our community.” Mills is a director on 1 West in cardiac care. Bachelor of Science in nursing degrees help nurses in leadership roles to better understand healthcare processes, budgets and further their leadership skills.

Stepp obtained her BSN from Chamberlain College of Nursing after previously receiving a 3-year registered nursing diploma in her hometown of Canada. “I always had the goal of obtaining my BSN, but life has a way of rescheduling our plans,” said Stepp. “I am constantly encouraging others to advance themselves academically and to stay focused on their goals, so I decided it was time to follow my own advice. Obtaining my degree has given me a sense of accomplishment and professional achievement.”



The Bachelor of Science in Nursing is a four year academic degree in the science and principles of nursing, granted by a tertiary education university or similarly accredited school. The BSN prepares nurses for a professional role away from the bedside with coursework in nursing science, research, leadership, and nursing informatics.

[Pardee Hospital](http://www.pardeehospital.org) is a not-for-profit community hospital founded in 1953. The main hospital is licensed for 222 acute care beds and is the second largest employer in [Henderson County](http://www.pardeehospital.org). The hospital has several locations separate from the main campus, including an adult day services center, a health education center in the Blue Ridge Mall, home care services, a rehab and wellness center, a midwifery program, various family and internal medicine practices, and an urgent care facility. For more information or to find a physician, call 1-866-790-WELL (9355) or visit www.pardeehospital.org.

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