



Air Force Leader Headlines Military Nurses' Graduation

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Photo courtesy of Scottsdale Healthcare Maj. Gen. Kimberly Siniscalchi, Assistant Air Force Surgeon General for Medical Force Development and Nursing Services, center left, and Scottsdale Healthcare Vice President of Community Stewardship Wendy Lyons, RN, are flanked by 2009 graduates of the Scottsdale Healthcare Military Nurse Transition Program.

Maj. Gen. Kimberly Siniscalchi, Assistant Air Force Surgeon General for Medical Force Development and Nursing Services, spoke during the recent graduation of active-duty nurses participating in an elite military training program offered at Scottsdale Healthcare hospitals.

Siniscalchi delivered the Dec. 8 commencement speech and handed certificates to the 11 nurses participating in the Nurse Transition Program at Scottsdale Healthcare.

The program enables graduate novice registered nurses in the Air Force to gain experience and competence in direct patient care under the supervision of nurse preceptors.

“The nurses completed approximately 85% of the core competencies in the Air Force’s 11-week Nurse Transition Program by the fourth week due to the great experiences, preceptors and support at Scottsdale Healthcare,” said Maj. Nancy Johnson, one of the program’s faculty members stationed at Scottsdale Healthcare.

Nurses participating in the program worked on inpatient units at Scottsdale Healthcare Shea Medical Center and Scottsdale Healthcare Osborn Medical Center, where they gained valuable hands-on experience in caring for patients. Additionally, the nurses volunteered with Scottsdale Healthcare’s H1N1 community flu vaccination clinics, administering more than 2,000 immunizations.

After graduating, they will report for duty at Air Force hospitals and clinics in Texas, Idaho, Nevada and California.

Scottsdale Healthcare’s next Nurse Transition Program begins Feb. 18 and accommodates up to 23 nurses.