

Georgia Power Donation Supports BC's New Associate Degree of Nursing Program



Decisions, Decisions

Bainbridge College's team of nursing instructors in the new Associate Degree of Nursing (ADN) Program work together to decide which items they should purchase with funds given BC Foundation by Georgia Power Foundation. Left-right are Rhonda Payne, ADN Director Faith Garrett, Shelia Ramer, Brittney Armstrong and Betty Huskey.

Bainbridge College's new nursing program will have some equipment it needs because of the generosity of Georgia Power Foundation, said Faith Garrett, director of the Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) program. The first ADN students begin studies in January.

Georgia Power sent a check for \$3,350 to Bainbridge College (BC) Foundation to purchase equipment and train students in the new program. Each year Georgia Power Foundation identifies projects for it to assist in the various communities it serves, especially in education and workforce training, said Chris Aycok, who works with Georgia Power in Bainbridge and presented the donation to the college.

With those unexpected funds available, the ADN faculty, which works as a team, decided what equip-

ment would benefit students in their clinical education. Director Garrett said they agreed to purchase several anatomical simulators and forms. These include manikins that simulate various heart and lung conditions and full size cut-away models detailing the lung, the liver and gallbladder, and the stomach, which show various problems for the respective organs.

The ADN program's initial feasibility study was submitted to Georgia Board of Nursing in July 2003 and went through several stages of review and planning. Initial approval for the program was granted in July 2005, and the college began the competitive screening process of applicants in Fall Semester. In 2006 it will continue a self study for National League for Nursing, an accreditation body for two-year programs.