



## **Pennant WA Partners with University of Washington in the LTC Emersion Program**

Last winter, senior BSN students volunteered to take two elective courses offered by the University of Washington, School of Nursing and facilitated by Pennant Washington facilities. The pilot project was identified as the “Long-Term Care Emersion Program” whose purpose was to educate “soon to graduate” registered nursing students in skilled nursing practices. The program also sought to generate interest for registered nurses to practice in long-term care.

**Mountain View Health & Rehabilitation** in Marysville, Washington hired two senior nursing students who worked to the level of their educational preparation and who were supervised by the facility-selected staff registered nurse preceptor. Registered Nurse Marianne Nelson from Mountain View served as the preceptor for the students. Ms. Nelson stated that this experience with the senior students was such a great experience, that she would do it again!

The results of the LTC Emersion experience demonstrated a significant, positive, impact on the students’ expressed desire to practice in long term care. The two students who obtained their clinical experience at Mountain View stated that LTC is a definite contender in their future career path. The students were required to write an essay of their experience in LTC skilled nursing practice. They wrote, “Our main takeaway from this experience is that a resident’s story can transform the way we care for a resident, providing more informed, person-centered care where they feel better seen and heard. As we begin our nursing career, we want to understand every one of our patient’s stories, because it goes beyond their symptoms and medical history.”

*(Photographed above from left to right: Kaylee King, UW Senior Student, Marianne Nelson, RN Mt. View Preceptor, Katie Valenzuela, UW Senior Student)*

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