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## For Immediate Release

### HALIFAX REGIONAL EMPLOYEES EARN CAREER CERTIFICATES

**ROANOKE RAPIDS, NC (March 11, 2010)—A total of 34 employees at Halifax Regional have earned Career Readiness Certificates.**

They were recognized at a ceremony today at the Medical Center. The 24 secretaries and 10 food and nutrition staff have completed a testing program in reading, locating information and applied math.

The Career Readiness Certificate is a nationally-recognized credential that signals employees have the skills to perform their jobs. Halifax Regional worked with Halifax Community College to offer this program to employees.

Dr. Ervin V. Griffin, Sr., president of Halifax Community College, and Karen Daniels, chief nursing officer of Halifax Regional, congratulated the group. They received certificates from Larry Crisafulli, business/industry coordinator at HCC and Michael Adcock, vice president of Clinical/Support Operations at the Medical Center.

The Turning Point Workforce Development Board provided funding for the program. Turning Point coordinated a grant from the North Carolina Department of Commerce for the program. Turning Point develops policies and oversees local workforce development initiatives in partnership with local elected officials.

The Continuing Education Division of HCC offers the Career Readiness Certificate as an assessment-based credential that gives employers and career seekers a uniform measure of key workplace skills. ACT WorkKeys, a nationally-recognized job skills assessment system, administers the program in the United States. ACT recognizes that a stronger workforce can be developed by bridging the skills gap and providing economic development tools that show the strength of the workforce.

For more information about the Career Readiness Certificate, visit [www.crcnc.org](http://www.crcnc.org) or contact Crisafulli at 252 538-4339 or [crc@halifaxcc.net](mailto:crc@halifaxcc.net).

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