As the first recipient of the J. Douglas Stephens Endowed Teaching Chair, Maria Seidel, MS, ARNP spearheaded the implementation of the “Simulation Experience” in the nursing program. Human Patient Simulators allow students to experience several different medical scenarios with a wide variety of patients before working with real patients. Ms. Seidel used the funding provided through the Endowed Teaching Chair to cover expenses and stipends for a simulator specialist to work with students and train other faculty members to use the simulators effectively.

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