

Over the past few months, medical and nursing students have been interning at Seabury to gain experience in senior health care. The students are from the University of Connecticut and Goodwin College, and they have been learning about Seabury's Health and Wellness programs. Students interview and assess individual residents to gain



knowledge about senior health care. Both residents and students have benefited by the residents sharing their input and experiences. The students gain valuable knowledge by participating and working with individual residents regarding their health and wellness programs. UConn School of Nursing faculty member Anne O. Cross, MS, RN, CNE, stresses the importance of this field work: *"the nursing students begin to learn real nursing skills like assessments, medications and injections."* In addition to providing care in Seabury's Skilled Nursing, the students also work with nurses in Assisted Living, the Wellness Clinic and in Home Care. Cross is very happy with the program, noting that as this is the students' *"first clinical work, it is extremely important that they have a good experience, and the wonderful and caring staff at Seabury have helped that happen."*

Students are routinely scheduled at Seabury throughout the year. *"These collaborative learning programs reflect Seabury's strong commitment to educating our future health care professionals,"* says Margie Sullivan, Senior VP., Health Services.

In addition to hosting the interns, Seabury participates in a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Program as a clinical training site for St. Martin's Episcopal Church. Seabury also offers an Advanced Practice CNA Program, and many of the CNA's have taken advantage of this, furthering Seabury's efforts to provide the absolute best in senior health care.