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### **South Tech Academy Nurse Educator Recognized with National Nurse's Touch Award**

*Nancy Moore receives first-ever honor and access to newly released education product to advance soft skills learning among nursing education programs*

**Boynton Beach, Fla., May 10, 2012** – Local nurse educator at South Tech Academy, Nancy Moore, has received ATI Nursing Education's first-ever Nurse's Touch Award. Nominated by a nurse educator peer who also works at the school, she was specifically selected for creating a nursing education program for high school students interested in pursuing the field and incorporated soft skills too.

"We are honored to recognize Nancy for her commitment to developing communications, professionalism and similar 'soft skills' in future nurses," said Sheryl Sommer, director of nursing education and curriculum at ATI Nursing Education. "Nursing programs have limited time and resources, which means these skills are rarely a top priority in the classroom." Under her guidance, nursing students at South Tech Academy are receiving exposure to abilities that will help them function as leaders of the healthcare team and be a patient advocate."

Moore always wanted to be a nurse and pursued it as a career immediately after high school. In 1993, she began her nursing education career after spending nearly 15 years as a nurse working in a hospital, specifically in surgery and O/B. She has spent her entire teaching career at South Tech Academy's LPN program for high school students which is unique, with only a few similar programs in the Palm Beach area.

"I am honored to be recognized for teaching skills like leadership and communication in the classroom. These skills can come more naturally to some, but are required for all of tomorrow's nurses to be patient-focused and successful in their careers," said Nancy Moore, nurse educator at South Tech Academy. "Thanks to ATI Nursing Education for raising awareness of the need for more focus on these skills and leading the way."

Highlights from the nomination included the following:

- "Nancy is an excellent nurse educator who consistently displays professionalism in the clinical and classroom environment. She is a mentor to other faculty and has excellent interpersonal and interprofessional communication skills. She has embraced informatics technology and keeps up to date with advanced technology."
- "Perhaps most importantly she values 'work ethics' and has figured out how to balance the requirements of work and personal life successfully. She cares for her personal needs and has been able to maintain physical health, emotional health and family relationships throughout a career in education that spans almost 20 years."

ATI Nursing Education worked with nurse educators, curriculum developers and psychometricians on a new curriculum for nursing students – Nurse’s Touch™ – which helps students develop the social and personal skills that they will need to become successful nurses. Students learn these “soft skills” through interactive simulations, case studies and tutorials.

For more information on Nurse’s Touch, visit [www.atinursestouch.com](http://www.atinursestouch.com) or view videos at <http://www.youtube.com/user/ATINursingEducation>. You also can read the recently published white paper: [“Soft Skills Research: Aligning Nurse’s Touch with Best Practices.”](#)

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