RWJBarnabas Health’s The Institute for Nursing Excellence was recently visited by ABC New York 7 News to learn hands-on about their state-of-the-art approach to nursing education, professional development, innovation and research in New Jersey where they are preparing nurses while also addressing the nursing shortage.

Mary Beth Russell, PhD, MA, RN, NPDA-BC®, NEA-BC, FNAP, CPHQ, serves as Senior Vice President of The Center for Professional Development, Innovation, Research, and The Institute for Nursing Excellence, and is the founder of The Institute, and its two locations in New Jersey. Dr. Russell is also a past recipient of the NJLN Nurse Recognition Award for her impact and contributions to nursing education.
The institute uses augmented reality and hands-on clinical skills training to supplement primary nursing education through two state-of-the-art equipped locations: Fort Monmouth for the organization’s Southern Region and Livingston for their Northern Region. These locations are meant to welcome, orient and/or provide nurses with a standardized and interactive learning experience to further prepare them for their nursing profession roles at RWJBarnabas Health.

Also featured in this interview is Mary E. Koch, MSN, RN, NPD-BC, CNOR, who is the Administrative Director of Perioperative Education, and the immediate past president of the NJLN, who is seen assisting in a CPR demonstration with the ABC Newscaster, highlighting the practical application of the training The Institute provides.

It’s inspiring to see such dedication to excellence in nursing education, practice and development and the positive impact it is having on healthcare professionals and patient care in New Jersey. Click here to watch the video and see The Institute in action. To learn more about The Institute for Nursing Excellence, click here.