The new F. Marie Hall SimLife Center at Midland College is designed to resemble a hospital. There are clinic rooms, labor rooms, medicine rooms, a debriefing room, supply room and computer control rooms. There is also an emergency room with an operating room and ambulance drive-up.

The center allows students to get a “feel” for what it truly will be like working inside a hospital on a daily basis. They can obtain real life experiences while still on the MC campus, and thus be better prepared for on-site hospital internships and eventually careers in the healthcare industry.

The sonography program at MC uses the center’s clinic rooms to administer sonograms for expectant mothers in the community. This allows students to gain some clinical experience and also learn how to communicate with patients during this important and exciting time in their lives.

MC benefactor Marie Hall played an integral role in the design process of the new center and made some unique choices that will have a special impact on those who use the facility. Colors were selected for the center with very careful thought. Green is used throughout the entire building because of its soothing effect. Pastel colors are used in the nursery because it is a soothing color for babies; whereas, brighter colors are used in the labor and delivery area to reflect excitement and happiness. Miss Hall chose purple for classrooms and offices because it is one of her favorite colors.

In each of the clinic rooms there is a red tile, which has been placed in a different spot for an aesthetic aspect. Hall wants students to enter each room and notice there is another red square, but that it is in a different place from the previous room. Hall believes that this difference will refresh the students and allow them to focus again on the important tasks they are performing.

F. Marie SimLife Center Director Lea Keesee explained, “The center is equipped with state-of-the-art manikins, furniture and computer software so that
Midland College and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center students can practice skills in a simulated hospital environment. The center will also be used by Midland Memorial Hospital medical personnel for continuing education.

“This is just wonderful!” exclaimed Miss Hall during a recent tour.

MC President Dr. Steve Thomas invites the public to the official dedication for the F. Marie Hall SimLife Center on May 8, 2012, at 11:00 a.m. During this time, visitors will be able to tour the center and view student demonstrations.