

Sauk Valley Community College
February 23, 2026

Action Item 4.3

Topic: Faculty Retirement – Clinical Simulation Faculty

Mission: Sauk Valley Community College is dedicated to teaching and scholarship while engaging the community in lifelong learning, public service, and economic development.

Presented By: Drs. David Hellmich and Jon Mandrell

Presentation:

Kimberly Cole has submitted her intent to retire as a Clinical Simulation Faculty effective June 29, 2026.

Since joining Sauk Valley Community College on May 27, 2014, Kim has been a cornerstone of the nursing and health professions departments. Known for her unwavering presence on campus, she has served as a dedicated faculty leader and mentor to MSN students, often stepping in to support her colleagues and ensuring the simulation labs remain meticulously organized and fully supplied. Her commitment to student success is evidenced by her constant refinement of clinical simulations, which challenge students to utilize critical thinking and deliver safe, high-quality patient care.

Beyond the classroom, Kim’s contributions have been instrumental in advancing the college’s technological and academic standards. She spearheaded the integration of electronic medication administration into lab activities and played a pivotal role in developing new assessment methods for the college and ACEN accreditation. Most recently, Kim managed the PATH grant, strategically directing 2025 funds toward the development of the new Sonography program. Her leadership, technical expertise, and collaborative spirit have left an indelible mark on SVCC, and we thank her for twelve years of exceptional service.

Recommendation:

The administration recommends the Board approve the retirement of Kimberly Cole as a Clinical Simulation Faculty effective June 29, 2026.

Kimberly Cole

January 22, 2026

Sauk Valley Community College Board and Administration

173 IL Route 2 Dixon, IL, 61201

Re: Notice of Retirement

Dear College Board and Administration,

Please accept this letter as formal notification that I will be retiring from my position as Clinical Simulation Faculty at Sauk Valley Community College. My final day of employment will be June 29, 2026.

It has been a privilege to serve as a part of this faculty and to play a role in shaping the next generation of nurses. I am incredibly proud of the work we have accomplished in the skills and simulation labs, and I cherish the relationships I have built with both my colleagues and my students over the years.

I want to ensure a seamless handover of my responsibilities before my departure. Over the coming months, I am fully committed to assisting with the transition, including organizing lab materials and training my successor to manage the upcoming semester's curriculum.

Thank you for the support and opportunities for professional growth you have provided me during my tenure. I look forward to staying in touch and hearing about the continued success of the nursing programs.

Sincerely,

Kim Cole, RN, MSN, CNE, CHSE