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“At first, I was nervous I was going to be alone in Cedar City,” said Hatch. “After about ten minutes in my first day, I realized I am well connected to a supportive team through technology. We are able to collaborate and help one another. I have never experienced anything quite like it. It’s amazing to see people so far away from each other who are so connected.”

USU Cedar City’s nursing programs continue to grow, largely in part to the partnership with Southwest Technical College (Southwest Tech). Hatch works closely with Southwest Tech to ensure students are successfully going through each institutions’ nursing programs.

Hatch’s main priority is to prepare students to pass the state’s licensing board exams. “There is a lot of book knowledge the students need to have, but they also need to learn the human aspect of being a nurse,” said Hatch. “If I can teach these students to be kind and compassionate, and to be leaders among nurses, I will feel very accomplished.”

Along with teaching nursing theory courses, Hatch will be responsible for preparing and organizing clinical sites and overseeing other instructors.