

# Hospital Connection for Continuing Education



**M**inneola District Hospital uses their Kan-ed connection for videoconferencing and continuing education (CE) requirements.

“We can offer the in-house CE requirements for our doctors. And nursing uses the videoconferencing more than our doctors do. We also have been able to attend meetings that, because of weather, we would not have been able to attend otherwise,” says Michele Stevens, IT Director for Minneola District Hospital.

Stevens shared one example of the advantage of videoconferencing. “We had three nurses that were able to attend a CE class on the new five level triage system. We never would have been able to do that if it wasn’t for that videoconferencing. We could not be short 3 nurses...maybe could have sent one, two tops. But because of that, we were able to have three come on staff. It’s been very nice to have that available. We’ve also had different meetings that our administration hasn’t been able to attend because of staffing issues. They’ve been able to videoconference into different things with the Kansas Hospital Association, that type of thing. We’ve been blessed – we’ve got connections with those different groups...Pioneer Health Network, KU Med Center, Hays...they are out there.”

Stevens says, “Minneola District Hospital hasn’t had a lot [of technical challenges]. Everything here is pretty smooth. We started out with some bumps...mountains, but we’ve been on it [Kan-ed network] for about three years so now it’s just a matter of plugging in the equipment, turning it on, and away we go.”

Summing it up, Stevens said “Our nursing staff has been encouraged by the availability they have with the network. They can go to things that maybe were offered in the Kansas City area, that they weren’t able to do without it. It’s been a good impact here at the facility...they think highly of it. I hope the funding continues and we can keep this going.”

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