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Why did the school open a satellite campus in Mansfield?

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Texas Tech School of Nursing is really committed to addressing the significant shortages of nurses in the state of Texas. And it's been through partnerships with communities that we've been able to expand our programs that were everybody thinks Texas Tech is only in Lubbock. But the nursing program in Lubbock is across the state, and by us being identified by a community that they would want to increase their nurses for the community, we find partners and Methodist Hospital in the city of Mansfield is one partner with that. So by them partnering with us, we're able to bring our product, our Red Raider nurse educational opportunity for a Bachelors of Science in Nursing, to the community here locally to educate students who are here locally.

How does this campus help increase the number of BSN nurses?

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What's important, as I said, the shortage in the state of Texas and to think creatively on designing a curriculum to help produce more nurses quickly. And so by admitting students three times a year, and in four semesters, we're able to produce more highly qualified nurses. And the goal is to be able to identify young people in the Mansfield area who want to stay here and to work for their local health care entities here, but they want to go and be a Red Raider nurse and so they don't have to travel to Lubbock or to Abilene or to Odessa to do so we're able to bring it to them right here in their own backyard.

What makes a Red Raider Nurse stand out?

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One thing is the philosophy that the faculty have on producing highly professional bachelors prepared nurses. That the students come in, and they carry the brand of a double T with great pride, and they will produce the nurses that healthcare entities want across the state. And we hear that from a number of hospitals if they want our product because our students, not only do they know the science and the art behind the degree of nursing, but they also know what it means to be a professional nurse. They also know how to carry themselves well within their floor that they're working on. We train them well with leadership, and they also have a vision of where else they can go with further education. So the Red Raider nurse is just that a top notch bachelor prepared nurse for the state of Texas.