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Six-to-eight student interns will begin work immediately at St. Peter Hospital in Olympia in what has been described as a major breakthrough in community relations for The Evergreen State College.

Ken Donohue, director of Evergreen's Office of Cooperative Education, said the hospital has signed an "open contract" which will open up "fantastic learning opportunities and resources to students and provide the hospital with the potential for a qualified para-professional employment pool.

"By the end of the month we'll have students working in a wide-range of activities at the hospital," Donohue said. "They will have access to experiences ranging from hospital management to direct work with patients under careful supervision by hospital staff."

The arrangement will also enable students to work with clinical facilities, in the hospital's medical library and with all the equipment and supplies necessary to insure a complete learning program, according to Barbara Soule, hospital coordinator.

Working with Mrs. Soule, students from Evergreen will have individual learning contracts "tailored to fit their academic needs," Donohue reported. "They will each have an academic supervisor from the college faculty and a field supervisor assigned by Mrs. Soule from the hospital staff.

Because of the individuality of the program and the openness of the contract, Donohue said student interns may be at any academic level, from first year to fourth, and can "participate in programs from short-time overview studies to in-depth, skilled para-medical training."

The new program, which goes into effect immediately, may have long range curriculum

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affects for the state's newest four year college.

"We have no definite plans as yet," Donohue said, "but this contract could enable us to establish a whole new set of programs in such fields as pharmacology, physical therapy, X-ray technology and dietetics. We may also be able to offer a professional training ground pre- and para-medical students.

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