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ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE OFFERS NEW BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM FOR NURSES

SPRINGFIELD , IL -- St. John's College, Department of Nursing is offering a new education program that allows nursing students and nursing professionals to earn a Bachelors' degree through a hybrid distance learning curriculum. The program, which has received full approval from the National League for Nurses Accrediting Commission, allows the majority of coursework to be taken online with a limited number of visits to the Colleges' Springfield, IL campus required.

“Our RN-BSN program was carefully designed by our faculty to provide a quality educational option for those seeking higher education. This program is an excellent opportunity for the working registered nurse to earn a Bachelors' degree with minimal face-to-face time in the classroom,” said Brenda Jeffers, Chancellor and Dean, St. John's College.

The RN-BSN program development is in alignment with the recent recommendation from a 2010 Institute of Medicine Report that the proportion of baccalaureate prepared nurses be increased to 80% by 2020.

“We're offering several coursework options to best meet the needs of working nurses. One option allows a nurse to take two hybrid distance courses within an eight week time frame for a full semester of credit,” said Jeffers

Other coursework options are tailored toward the nurse who wishes to complete the baccalaureate degree but has not completed all prerequisite coursework. Another option is suited for nurses who simply want to earn continuing education hours now necessary to maintain their license.

The RN-BSN program requires 125 semester hours for completion. A registered nurse admitted to the program must have a total of 60 hours completed in pre-nursing requirements. Upon formal acceptance to the College and satisfactory completion of 17 hours of RN-BSN curriculum, the registered nurse will be granted 30 hours of credit for previously completed nursing courses.

The deadline for applying for the fall semester is September 30. Limited financial assistance for qualified students is available. Please check the St. John's College website at www.stjohnscollegespringfield.edu or call Casey Schumacher at the College at 217-525-5268 for more information about the program.

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