

American College of Nursing Concord, California

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NEW BOARD APPROVED VOCATIONAL NURSING PROGRAM OPENS IN CONCORD American College of Nursing Accepting New Students amid Bay Area's Impacted Nursing Programs

CONCORD, CA. May 24, 2007 – After U.S. nursing schools turned away nearly 43,000 qualified applicants last year due to insufficient number of faculty, clinical sites, classroom space and other factors according to the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, the American College of Nursing (ACN) opened its doors last week for the first time and invited community members, city officials and prospective students to the ribbon cutting and open house of its 12-month full-time Vocational Nursing Program in Concord. This program will serve diverse communities in Contra Costa County and in the Greater Bay Area.

American College of Nursing recognized the need to meet the growing shortfall of nurses in California that continues to impact patient care. After a thorough feasibility study and several months of comprehensive curriculum development, the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians approved the American College of Nursing Vocational Nursing Program for enrollment up to 45 students per session.

A spread of fresh fruit, cookies and sandwiches waited in the hall outside the skills lab on opening day as Pastor Snow led the group of American College of Nursing team members, their friends and family, prospective students, ambassadors from the Concord Chamber of Commerce and representatives from American College of Nursing's clinical sites into a short blessing that expressed appreciation and high hopes for the students and instructors who would soon be filling the classrooms for the school year. After a brief welcome and introduction of the faculty, ~~School~~ College Administrator Marcio "Choy" Roxas gave the floor to the College Director, Dr. Laura Smith McKenna, who elaborated on the vision of American College of Nursing and what the college has to offer.

While many vocational nursing schools offer 13 – 15 months long program, American College of Nursing provides a 12-month Vocational Nursing Program with a Monday through Thursday, 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM class schedule that beats commute hours and allows students a three day weekend. In addition to the standard curriculum ranging from Fundamentals of Nursing to Medical/Surgical Nursing, the American College of Nursing offers prerequisite classes in Anatomy and Physiology as well as continuing education courses (i.e. I.V. Therapy & Blood Withdrawal Certification, Wound Care Training, Pharmacology, Maternal Nursing, Pediatric Nursing, and Workplace Violence) for health professionals.

American College of Nursing sits within easy access to Interstate 680 as well as Highways 4 and 242 with ample parking on the campus located at 2600 Stanwell Drive, Suite 103, Concord. Among several large classrooms is the well-equipped skills lab, which opens to a seated instructional area for lectures and seminars. The lab also includes a wall of five hospital beds surrounded by state of the art equipment, colorful visual aids and life-size medical training models.

The Vocational Nursing Program is currently accepting enrollment applications for their 2007 – 2008 class.

For more information about the American College of Nursing Vocational Nursing Program, or to schedule a tour or an interview, please call (925) 689-9900 or e-mail info@americancollegeofnursing.com.

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American College of Nursing is a Board approved vocational nursing college serving Contra Costa and the Greater Bay Area. The 12-month LVN program is a full-time program offering classes Monday through Thursday as well as prerequisite and continuing education courses for health professionals. Tuition includes all program classes, textbooks, materials and uniforms. Financing and payment plans are available. Visit <http://www.americancollegeofnursing.com>.