



Dear Prospective Student:

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Thank you for your interest in the Associate Degree Nursing Program at Nashville State Community College. The faculty at NSCC is excited about the opportunity to provide nursing education to the residents of Tennessee and to help you achieve your personal goals. It is projected that by the year 2025, the nursing shortage in this country will be approximately 260,000; therefore, this program is critical in meeting the current and future demand for registered nurses. We are looking for students who are committed to meeting the challenges and demands of a truly rewarding career.

In her *Notes on Nursing*, Florence Nightingale said that "Nursing is an art and if it is to be made an art, it requires an exclusive devotion as hard a preparation, as any painter's or sculptor's work; for what is the having to do with dead canvas or dead marble, compared with having to do with the living body, the temple of God's spirit? It is one of the Fine Arts: I had almost said the finest of Fine Arts".

The nursing curriculum will be a two-year course of study that will include but may not be limited to pathophysiology, pharmacology, fundamentals of nursing, nursing care of the adult in a medical-surgical setting as well as in the intensive care unit, family nursing which includes care of children and expectant mothers, mental health nursing, and community health nursing. In addition to classroom education, you will have the opportunity to participate in the clinical setting in hospitals and agencies located here within middle Tennessee. Toward the end of the curriculum, we will offer a course to help you make the transition from student into independent clinical decision maker.

Contained in this admission packet is information regarding other non-nursing required courses, the process for submitting your application, criteria that will be used for admission into the program, and the application itself. Before you begin the application process, please take a few minutes and review these documents carefully; make sure you have met all the requirements and that you have all the necessary documents. We will be able to move you through the admission process much more quickly if your admission packet is complete.

We have the capacity to admit up to 50 students in the first class. Once that class has been admitted, we will apply to receive our NLN accreditation so that you will graduate from an NLN-accredited school.

We look forward to receiving your application. All applications must be received by March 1, 2010. Once your application has been verified for completeness and accuracy, you will be notified to set up the admission interview. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 353-3645.

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