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PRESS RELEASE

St. John's College of Nursing Announces LPN-BSN Program

SPRINGFIELD— St. John's College of Nursing is pleased to announce a transition plan of study for the licensed practical nurse (LPN) professional seeking to earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree. LPNs now have the opportunity to achieve a BSN in the same amount of time it would take to earn an associate degree. This is the first and only LPN pathway to the BSN program in the state of Illinois.

"Many barriers to achieving the higher degree have been removed," said Dr. Charlene Aaron, chancellor of St. John's College. "We are excited to be the first nursing college in the state to offer this pathway. Recognition of prior learning contributes to the credits for completion of the BSN, and a tailored transitions course is a part of the first semester curriculum."

Dr. Aaron credits the inspiration for this new pathway to Capitol Area School of Practical Nursing students who were motivated to find a better way to enhance their education and advance their degrees.

With an unencumbered active LPN license, you may complete a part-time or full-time plan of study. Upon formal acceptance to the college and satisfactory completion of NSG 331 LPN Transition Pathway Course, the LPN with an active LPN license will be granted 10 credit hours escrowed for the credential which includes credit for the following courses in the BSN curriculum: NSG 336 Medical-Surgical Nursing, NSG 338 Pathophysiology/Pharmacology I, and NSG 343 Diverse Populations.

Admission criteria for the general BSN program applies. Applications for Fall 2022 are being accepted. For questions please call 217-525-5628 or email admissions@sjcs.edu.

For more information about St. John's College, visit sjcs.edu.

About St. John's College

St. John's College, a department of St. John's Hospital, in Springfield, Illinois the oldest Catholic hospital-based school of nursing in the United States. In 1886, the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis founded St. John's Hospital School of Nursing. Their mission was to care for the sick and needy of the community in a spirit of joy, respect and commitment to competence. Initially the school was created as a two-year diploma program to educate members of the founding religious order. In 1912 the school accepted the first lay women. St. John's School of Nursing transitioned into St. John's College in 1991. Today, St. John's College students can earn a Bachelor or Master of

Science in nursing degree or a Doctorate of Nursing Practice. During our long and rich history, we have undergone many transitions. However, the constant has been dedication to the education of professional nurses whose practice exemplifies excellence in health care.

About Hospital Sisters Health System

Hospital Sisters Health System's (HSHS) mission is to reveal and embody Christ's healing love for all people through our high-quality Franciscan health care ministry. HSHS provides state-of-the-art health care to our patients and is dedicated to serving all people, especially the most vulnerable, at each of our physician practices and 15 local hospitals in two states – Illinois (Breese, Decatur, Effingham, Greenville, Highland, Litchfield, O'Fallon, Shelbyville and Springfield) and Wisconsin (Chippewa Falls, Eau Claire, Oconto Falls, Sheboygan and two in Green Bay). HSHS is sponsored by Hospital Sisters Ministries, and [Hospital Sisters of St. Francis](http://www.hospitalisters.org) is the founding institute. For more information about HSHS, visit www.hshs.org. For more information about Hospital Sisters of St. Francis, visit www.hospitalisters.org.