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STATE APPROVES ROCHESTER COLLEGE SCHOOL OF NURSING

The Michigan Board of Nursing, which oversees nurse education programs throughout the state, approved Rochester College's bachelor of science in nursing degree program on June 2.

This approval allows the college to admit students into its three-year, 126-credit-hour nursing program this fall. The RC School of Nursing already offers an RN-to-BSN program for registered nurses returning to college to finish their bachelor's degrees.

Crittenton Hospital has partnered with the college from earliest days to help develop the School of Nursing. RC nursing students will complete certain clinical components of their program at the hospital.

"We are delighted that our nursing program has been approved by the state. I'm personally grateful to the RC faculty and administrators who have guided us through this process," said Dr. Rubel Shelly, president of Rochester College. "We are also thankful for the continued support of Crittenton and the affiliation agreement we have with them to develop a quality nursing program. This program is mission-critical for us as we serve our community, state and region."

The Rochester College School of Nursing offers challenging academics within a Christian community to prepare nurses who are socially conscious and professionally skilled.

"Our program is innovative yet intimate," said Jaime Sinutko, director of the RC School of Nursing. "The curriculum is designed to enhance your understanding of health and illness in the context of a Christian environment that promotes relationship-based care."

The School of Nursing is now accepting applications for its fall 2011 class. For more information, visit www.rc.edu/nursing or call 248-218-2031.

Founded in 1959, Rochester College is an accredited, independent liberal arts college that pursues academic excellence in a Christian setting. With more than 1,000 students, both in traditional and adult learning programs, RC offers bachelor's degree programs at four locations and a master's degree in religious education. For more information about Rochester College, visit www.rc.edu.

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