



December 7, 2016

TO: THE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF VALENCIA COLLEGE

FROM: SANFORD C. SHUGART
President

RE: LETTER OF INTENT – BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Valencia currently has a strong and vibrant Nursing Program leading to an Associate of Science degree, with an enrollment of 525 students each semester. The demand for qualified nurses who have earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree (BSN) is rising, and The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Initiative on the Future of Nursing, a joint enterprise with the Institute of Medicine, has determined that hospitals should increase the proportion of employed RNs with a BSN to 80% by 2020.

Both nationally and regionally in this career field there is a shortage of qualified Registered Nurses. Region 12 (our area) now has an estimated 2,066 nursing related jobs. In the next eight years economic projections predict 26.7% job growth just in Registered Nurse occupation (Source: DEO, LMI).

The College has both strong student interest and strong documented industry support for offering a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. In addition, the College received strong support from other higher education institutions with no expressions of concern following their receipt of formal notification of Valencia's interest in offering this program of study.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The President recommends that the District Board of Trustees approve the College's intent to develop appropriate curriculum to submit to the State Board of Education for approval, and then to submit to the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges for approval, to offer the Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

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Sanford C. Shugart
President

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

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VALENCIA COLLEGE



B.S. in NURSING

- A 2+2 program consisting of 120 college credits
- Pathway for A.S. degree in Nursing
- Strong student interest (survey)
- Strong workforce demand (EMSI Data)
- Strong business partnerships and support



Annual Unmet Workforce Needs

Total Openings
1,367

Total Most Recent Graduates
528

Unmet workforce need of 839 per year



Public and Proprietary Educational Institutions Support New B.S.N.

- University of Central Florida
- College of Central Florida
- Daytona State College
- Lake-Sumter State College
- Eastern Florida State College
- University of Phoenix (Orlando)
- Seminole State College



Students Expressed Interest in BSN

Students Responded - - 178 Total

Do you plan to pursue a bachelor degree?

Yes: 93%

Would you be interested in studying for that degree at Valencia?

Very Interested: 79%

Interested: 10%



EMPLOYERS SUPPORT

The six largest health care employers of registered nurses were interviewed in Region 12 which included 25 different interviews with CNOs, CEOs, and administrators involved in student placement, staffing, recruiting, education, and workforce planning.

