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University of Saint Mary to Launch Evening RN to BSN Program at Overland Park Campus

Classes Start Aug. 31, 2009

(Leavenworth, Kan.)—Responding to the nation’s critical demand for skilled nursing professionals, the University of Saint Mary is adding a new evening RN to BSN degree-completion program to its expanding roster of health care offerings. Classes will be held at the university’s Overland Park Campus, located next to Saint Thomas Aquinas High School near College Boulevard and Pflumm Road.

The RN to BSN program is offered in an accelerated format. Most courses meet one night a week for eight weeks, with three start dates a year—in August, January, and May. Participants may start at any term. The program is designed with busy working registered nurses in mind and will allow participants to earn their bachelor’s degree in as little as 18 months. Classes start Aug. 31, 2009.

The competitively-priced program is fully accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE),* and is taught by expert instructors well-versed in the latest nursing concepts and methods. You must be a registered nurse to participate.

The RN to BSN program compliments USM’s other nursing degree offerings, including the university’s Bachelor of Science in Nursing program at the main campus in Leavenworth, Kan., and the 100 percent online RN to BSN program that permits nurses from around the country to earn a quality USM nursing degree without having to set foot in a classroom.

“The BSN degree offers practicing nurses more employment opportunities. New positions will become available to them,” said Rebecca Cahill, DNP, RN, director of nursing programs at USM. “What’s more, many hospitals now are recognizing the education attainment of some nurses, rewarding that with higher salaries.”

The University of Saint Mary, which *The Princeton Review* has named a “Best Midwestern College” for four years in a row, is sponsored by the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth whose tradition of nursing education dates back to the Civil War.

“We’re very excited to launch the new face-to-face RN to BSN degree-completion program at the Overland Park Campus, and expand USM’s tradition of nursing education,” said Dr. Jill Hackett, vice president for extended sites. “Our main campus and online nursing programs have been extremely popular and successful. This will be one more way students can enjoy the benefits of our quality BSN program in an evening, accelerated format.”

Learn more at <http://www.stmary.edu/info> or call (913) 345-8288.

* The University of Saint Mary BSN program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). Information related to this accreditation may be obtained by contacting CCNE at One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington, DC 20036, Phone: (202) 887-6791.

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