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Kansas State Board of Nursing Honors USM Nursing Dept. for Students' High Pass Rate on National Licensure Exams

(Leavenworth, Kan.)—The University of Saint Mary nursing department has been recognized by the Kansas State Board of Nursing for the high pass rates of Saint Mary students on a national nursing licensure exam.

Saint Mary nursing students posted pass rates above the national average on the National Council Licensure Examination during the 2010 calendar year. In late April, the Kansas State Board of Nursing issued a certificate of excellence to USM recognizing the achievement.

Glenna Mahoney, interim director of USM's nursing programs, called the award an honor for both USM's nursing department and its students.

"We're really proud of our students for all of their hard work, both on the exam and every day in the classroom," Mahoney said. "This is not just recognition of the high quality of the nursing education we provide. It's recognition of the high quality of our nursing students.

"We expect a lot of them, but nursing is a challenging field."

Dr. Bryan Le Beau, USM's academic vice president said the award "is direct evidence of the high quality of our nursing program, its students, and its faculty. Anyone who sees this should know that USM's nursing program is among the best."

USM has won local and national recognition for its academic excellence, including being named a "Best Midwestern College" by the Princeton Review for six consecutive years.

The University of Saint Mary offers several options for student nurses: a traditional face-to-face bachelor's of nursing program on the main campus in Leavenworth and an accelerated online RN-to-BSN program that allows working nurses to finish their degrees

For more information on USM's nursing programs, go to www.stmary.edu/nursing or www.saintmaryonline.com.

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