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NURSING PROGRAM GRANTED CONTINUING ACCREDITATION THROUGH 2021

MONROE, Mich. – Monroe County Community College has been granted continuing accreditation of its associate degree in nursing program by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing with the removal of warning status and the next evaluation visit scheduled for fall 2021.

ACEN is the entity that is responsible for the specialized accreditation of nursing education programs, both postsecondary and higher degree, which offer either a certificate, a diploma or a recognized professional degree (clinical doctorate, master’s/post-master’s certificate, baccalaureate, associate, diploma and practical).

“Monroe County Community College strongly values specialized nursing accreditation, and continuing accreditation status with ACEN is reserved for the highest quality nursing programs,” said President Dr. Kojo A. Quartey. “We are very proud of the faculty, staff and graduates of this program – which has a long history of positive outcomes, including consistently far exceeding national benchmarks for licensure exam pass rates.”

MCCC is one of only 17 associate degree in nursing programs in Michigan that are accredited by ACEN. Ohio has 33 accredited programs.

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The college is in compliance with all of the ACEN’s Accreditation Standards, including:

- **Mission and Administrative Capacity**: The nursing education unit’s mission reflects the governing organization’s core values and is congruent with its strategic goals and objectives. The governing organization and program have administrative capacity resulting in effective delivery of the nursing program and achievement of identified outcomes.

- **Faculty and Staff**: Qualified faculty and staff provide leadership and support necessary to attain the goals and outcomes of the nursing education unit.

- **Students**: Student policies and services support the achievement of the student learning outcomes and program outcomes of the nursing education unit.

- **Curriculum**: The curriculum prepares students to achieve the outcomes of the nursing education unit, including safe practice in contemporary health care environments.

- **Resources**: Fiscal, physical and learning resources promote the achievement of the goals and outcomes of the nursing education unit.

- **Outcomes**: Evaluation of student learning demonstrates that graduates have achieved identified competencies consistent with the institutional mission and professional standards and that the outcomes of the nursing education unit have been achieved.

ACEN supports the interests of nursing education, nursing practice and the public by the functions of accreditation. Accreditation is a voluntary, self-regulatory process by which non-governmental associations recognize educational institutions or programs that have been found to meet or exceed standards and criteria for educational quality.

Accreditation also assists in the further improvement of the institutions or programs as related to resources invested, processes followed and results achieved. The monitoring of certificate, diploma and (more)
degree offerings is tied closely to state examination and licensing rules, and to the oversight of preparation for work in the profession.

**About Monroe County Community College**

Founded in 1964, Monroe County Community College is a public, two-year institution supported by tax monies from Monroe County, educational funds from the State of Michigan and student tuition. The college’s mission is to provide a variety of higher educational opportunities to enrich the lives of the residents of Monroe County.

The Main Campus is located on South Raisinville Road in central Monroe County with easy access to Toledo and Detroit. The Whitman Center is located in Temperance, near the Ohio-Michigan Border. Information about MCCC is available at [www.monroeccc.edu](http://www.monroeccc.edu).

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