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Andrew College receives Georgia Board of Nursing approval for nursing degree program

CUTHBERT, GA. – Andrew College passed another hurdle in the process of creating an Associate Degree in Nursing program. On Thursday, September 8, the Georgia Board of Nursing gave their initial approval for the program. Mr. Jim Cleghorn, executive director of the Board of Nursing commended Andrew College’s curriculum for its high standards of quality and “setting the bar high” for everyone else who submits nursing curricula for approval.

The nursing program is scheduled to begin offering classes in the Fall of 2017 pending the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACS) review and hopeful approval in December.

Thirty students will be accepted into the inaugural class, and admission will be competitive due to the limited enrollment. Students must first be accepted to Andrew College before applying for the nursing program. Also, Anatomy & Physiology 1, a pre-requisite course, must be taken prior to acceptance into the first nursing course. The first nursing course to be offered Fall 2017 is Foundations of Nursing.

Dr. Joan Darden, Andrew College professor of nursing, said “I am very pleased that the Andrew College nursing program has been granted initial approval by the Georgia Board of Nursing to begin nursing classes in the Fall of 2017. There is still a great need for nurses in our area and in all of rural Georgia. The nursing program fits into the mission of Andrew College as it strives to meet the needs of this region. Therefore, is an exciting time not only for Andrew College but for the region, as well.”

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the RN workforce in the United States is expected to grow by 16 percent making it one of the top professions in terms of job growth through 2024. The median annual wage for registered nurses was \$67,490 in May 2015.

Information sessions are being planned at Andrew College to introduce prospective students and the community to the new program. Watch the website, www.andrewcollege.edu or call 800-664-9250 for more information. Applications can also be found on Andrew’s website.

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Established in 1854, Andrew College is a small, residential, two-year College related to The United Methodist Church and is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges. Situated in the rural southwest Georgia community of Cuthbert, Andrew College offers the Associate of Art, Associate of Music, and Associate of Science degrees.