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Andrew College receives final approval for registered nursing degree program

CUTHBERT, GA. – Andrew College passed the final hurdle in the process of creating an Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) program. On Monday, May 3, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACS) approved the program and have included it in the scope of the current Andrew College accreditation.

Dr. Linda R. Buchanan, president of Andrew College, expressed her profound thanks to donors, the Board of Trustees, clinical partners and others who have stood behind the College as it worked to bring the critically needed nursing program to the underserved rural area of Southwest Georgia.

She said, “The process of developing a new program is long and arduous. I am so pleased that SACS has given us final approval so that we can move ahead with bringing badly needed programming to our area. We have received so much support from the community and our clinical partners, some who have requested that we send all of our nursing graduates to them!”

President Buchanan added that “Andrew College is moving full steam ahead with fall 2017 nursing enrollment. We currently have 35-36 students accepted into the fall program, with another 10 on the waiting list. The next academic year will be an exciting one, as we work to educate new nurses for our communities.”

The first nursing course to be offered Fall 2017 is Foundations of Nursing. Students must have already taken Anatomy & Physiology 1, a pre-requisite course prior to acceptance.

Dr. Joan Darden, Andrew College professor of nursing, said “I am very pleased that the Andrew College nursing program has been granted final approval by SACS. The nursing program fits into the mission of Andrew College as it strives to meet the region’s needs. Therefore, it is an exciting time not only for Andrew College but for the region, as well. We will take great pride in offering this excellent program to our students.”

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), the registered nurse workforce in the United States is expected to grow by 16 percent through 2024, making it one of the top professions in terms of job growth. Statewide in Georgia and particularly in Southwest Georgia, the demand is even greater.

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Established in 1854, Andrew College is a 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.