

BC3 @ Brockway announces dates for registered nursing information sessions

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(Brockway, PA) BC3 @ Brockway will hold an information session at 6 p.m. Feb. 22 for students interested in applying to its new Nursing, R.N. Associate in Applied Science degree starting this fall.

The application period for fall 2018 registered nursing students – for two-year applicants, for three-year high school applicants, and for advanced-standing licensed practical nurse applicants – will be from Feb. 16 to March 16.

BC3 @ Brockway will hold a second information session at 5 p.m. April 24 for students interested in enrolling in the program in fall 2019. BC3 @ Brockway's open house follows from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Those interested in attending the Feb. 22 or April 24 information sessions are asked to RSVP at bc3.edu/brockway.

Prospective students can receive additional information on BC3 @ Brockway's registered nursing program by emailing admissions@bc3.edu or calling BC3's admissions office at (724) 284-8501.

The Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing in January authorized Butler County Community College to expand its associate of applied science degree curriculum in registered nursing to BC3 @ Brockway, which may help to satisfy what the six-county North Central Workforce Development area identifies as its highest priority occupational need, said Patty Annear, BC3's dean of nursing and allied health.

The need for registered nurses in Cameron, Clearfield, Elk, Jefferson, McKean and Potter counties will grow by 25 percent through 2022, according to North Central Workforce Development.

"This is going to give students the opportunity for a career that is rewarding, both emotionally and financially," Annear said, adding that it will provide a local pathway for licensed practical nurses to increase their education and earning potential by up to \$15 per hour.

Registered nurses' wages range from \$45,980 at entry level to \$62,080 in those six counties, according to North Central Workforce Development.

BC3 @ Brockway joins BC3's main campus as the only BC3 sites at which the registered nursing program is available.

BC3 @ Brockway's registered nursing students will follow the identical program offered on BC3's main campus, which in 2015 was reaccredited through 2022 by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, headquartered in Atlanta, Annear said.

In addition to pre-nursing courses, BC3 @ Brockway also offers transfer programs in business administration, early childhood education (Pre K-4), general studies, psychology and social work.

It offers career programs in business management and in office administration-executive.

BC3 @ Brockway – the only community college location north of Interstate 80 in the 268 miles between BC3 @ LindenPointe in Hermitage, Mercer County, and Luzerne County Community College in Nanticoke – was established in fall 2013.