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## **MONROE TO LAUNCH P.N. NURSING PROGRAM Applicant Exams Offered on November 18 and 19**

The Monroe College School of Allied Health Sciences will be offering a Practical Nursing (P.N.) program beginning in January, 2007. The highly-competitive selection process to fill the first class of 30 students will begin with exams on Saturday, November 18 and Sunday, November 19.

Not only will Monroe's P.N. program be a jumping-off point for those interested in nursing careers, but it's a step the college is taking to address the national nursing shortage, which is reaching epic proportions. In fact, according to the latest projections of the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, more than 1.2 million new and replacement nurses will be needed by 2014.

"Monroe College is addressing the overwhelming nursing shortage head on," said Jerry Kostroff, Dean of School Allied Health Professions, "and we'll be doing it the Monroe College way, which means individualized attention for students to learn from the best faculty and facilities."

Nursing education at Monroe will begin when the Winter semester starts on January 4th with an eleven-month, full-time New York State Education Department approved, college credit-bearing certificate program that will provide eligibility for the State Board NCLEX P.N. Exam.

According to the Chairperson of the College's Nursing Program, Dr. Elizabeth Errico, this is the beginning of Monroe's foray into nursing education. "We already have first-rate Medical Assisting and Medical Administration Programs," she said. "This P.N. certificate program is the next step in what we expect will ultimately be a number of advancements in nursing education."

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On Saturday, November 18 the college will administer the National League for Nursing (NLN) Exam and on Sunday, November 19 applicants can take the Academic Technologies Institute (ATI) Exam. Pre registration for both tests is required by November 10<sup>th</sup> . Both tests will begin at 9am in West Hall on the college's Bronx campus located on Jerome Avenue near Fordham Road.

To register for the exams or to find out more about nursing at Monroe College, call 800-55-MONROE.

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Founded in 1933, Monroe College has grown to become one of New York's leading colleges offering programs in business, technology, and professional studies. With campuses in the Fordham section of the Bronx and downtown New Rochelle, Monroe offers a master's degree program in business management, bachelor's degree programs in accounting, business management, computer information systems, criminal justice, general business, health services administration, and hospitality management as well as associate degree programs in accounting and finance, business administration, business technologies, computer information systems, criminal justice, culinary arts, hospitality management, medical administration, and medical assisting. There is also a certificate program for practical nursing.

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