



March 26, 2021

Dear Healthcare Partner,

Rhodes State College is going to be presenting a formal proposal for a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree program to the Chancellor of Ohio's Department of Higher Education. This program will be equivalent to a four-year university's BSN degree program with the added feature of an acute/critical care tract. Rhodes State will continue to offer our traditional LPN and ADN nursing programs.

As part of this formal proposal, we are required to attach letters of support from our industry partners (you), to show the need for this type of degree program in our region. In addition to the generalized supporting language, the letter must also address your current and future needs. Some of the key components which must be addressed in your letter are outlined below:

1. Where are the majority of your bachelor prepared RN's coming from? (an area 4 yr. institution, RN to BSN online completion, other recruiting measures)
2. If your BSN prepared nurses are coming from a regional 4-year institution, what percentage comes from the following regional programs: University of Findlay, Bluffton University, Defiance University, Wright State University, Ohio Northern University?
3. Are these regional 4-year institutions meeting your organization's needs for BSN prepared nurses?
4. What is your organization's immediate need for BSN prepared nurses and ADN prepared nurses (open positions for both)?
5. What is your organization's projected future needs for BSN-prepared nurses in the next 3-5 years?
6. If Rhodes State College was approved to offer a BSN program, would your organization commit to precepting (interning) those students during their capstone and hiring a percentage of graduates upon their successful completion? If yes, what percentage of BSN prepared nurses would your organization be willing to precept/intern and hire?

We value your feedback and continuing partnership and would be honored if you would write a letter in support of this new venture. To meet certain State of Ohio deadlines, Rhodes State College would like to move forward with our proposal very soon and would appreciate your response by Monday, April 5th. Please prepare your letter of support on your institution's letterhead, addressed to Dr. Cynthia Spiers, President, Rhodes State College, 4240 Campus Drive, Lima, Ohio 45804. The completed and signed letter can then be forwarded to me through email and will become part of our formal proposal to the State of Ohio.

Thanking you in advance for your continued support of Rhodes State College and our new BSN program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melissa Harvey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

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