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Dear Nursing Student,

It is my pleasure to welcome you on behalf of the faculty and staff of the Nursing Program to Bergen Community College. I wish you success in your professional and personal goals. To that end, myself, the faculty, and staff are committed to assist you as you begin this incredible journey culminating in your entry into the profession of nursing.

This nursing program prepares its graduates to become leaders of tomorrow by integrating classroom content with real life interaction with patients in a variety of healthcare facilities. The program uses cutting edge technology such as the Human Patient Simulator to provide simulated experiences. This amazing learning tool enables you to practice your clinical skills before embarking into the clinical areas.

Graduates of the Bergen Community College Nursing Program are sought after by every healthcare facility in the college's service area. Graduates of the program consistently report that they "were extremely well prepared to begin their nursing career". Other indicators of success are that the program recently celebrated its 40th year of operation and that the National League for Nursing Accreditation Commission granted full ongoing accreditation status for the maximum number of years based on their findings of no deficiencies.

Please go to the Bergen Community College web-site at www.bergen.edu, **Academics, Divisions and Departments, Nursing**, where you will find the list of textbooks that you need for the program and syllabi for your nursing courses. Course syllabus can be purchased at the Bergen Community College Bookstore. The Nursing Student Handbook can be accessed by using the password NSHB 0809.

Your future begins here and now. Best wishes for success.

Sincerely,

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