Dear Prospective Student:

We appreciate your interest in the Nursing Program at John Tyler Community College, which offers an Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree for students who plan to become registered nurses. Upon completion of the Nursing Program, you will be eligible to take the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) Licensing Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN).

Because the nation and the Commonwealth of Virginia are experiencing nursing shortages, there are many employment opportunities for nurses in the community. As a result, applications for nursing programs, such as John Tyler’s, have increased tremendously. Due to the popularity of our program, enrollment in our Nursing Program is limited and admission is competitive. First preference for admission is given to students in the JTCC service area as defined in VCCS policy: Section 6.0.5 Admission Priorities. Remaining spaces are filled with students from outside of our service area, then students with a temporary visa. John Tyler Community College’s Nursing Program is fully accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing and approved by the Virginia Board of Nursing. The program is committed to high standards, which are reflected in its admission and progression standards and in its outstanding community reputation. John Tyler Community College’s nursing graduates are highly sought after by employers.

Once accepted into the program the AAS in nursing requires intensive study. The program uses Blackboard and other electronic resources extensively, so it is imperative that you have your own IPAD or comparable tablet and consistent access to a reliable computer with internet services and that you are competent in computer functions. The nursing curriculum is demanding and requires outside time commitments to complete coursework requirements. We understand that many students must continue to work as they seek to advance themselves academically, but please realize that it is very difficult to work full-time while enrolled in the nursing curriculum. It is critical that you take time to make the appropriate lifestyle adjustments to accommodate your educational goals. Nursing literature identifies the following factors that negatively impact a student’s success: a) work 20 or more hours per week, b) family responsibilities, c) retaking 1st semester courses multiple times, and d) course preparation less than six hours per week.

It is critical that you carefully follow the admission procedures that are outlined on our website to ensure your application will be processed in a timely manner. Only completed applications are considered for the admission process.

Sincerely,

Nursing Program Faculty