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Expanding opportunities for nursing students at STLCC

ST. LOUIS (Jan. 9, 2020) – St. Louis Community College is known for the strength of its [nursing program](#), and has plans to expand the program by 75% across the district over the next five years, through 2023-2024.

To give some perspective, in spring 2019 the nursing program enrolled 432 students across the district.

This academic year, 2019-2020, more students were admitted to the nursing program at two campuses - STLCC-Forest Park and STLCC-Meramec. Each campus welcomed 48 students per semester, up from the previous count of 40 students per semester, which represents 20% growth.

The expansion of STLCC's nursing program will be most noticeable in 2020-2021:

- **STLCC-Florissant Valley** will have two cohorts – fall 2020 and spring 2021 – and will admit 48 students per cohort for a total of 96 students per year.
- **STLCC-Wildwood** will have a cohort – fall 2020 – with 24 students.
- **STLCC-Forest Park** and **STLCC-Meramec** will continue with fall and spring cohorts of 48 students each.

Applications for the nursing program are being accepted for fall 2020.

There are **benefits** for future students to apply to STLCC's nursing program:

- Students with [prerequisites who meet the qualifications for admission](#) can complete the nursing program in about two years.
- The cost is approximately \$19,000 for two years.
- There is no deadline to apply; first-come, first-serve with applicants to fill spots.
- Students in the nursing program represent diverse backgrounds – gender, age, race, ethnicity and culture.
- STLCC nursing students have a 96% pass rate on the [National Council Licensure Exam, or NCLEX](#).

National research data focused on health care jobs consistently notes a shortage of nurses. Locally, the College's [2018 State of the St. Louis Workforce Report](#) shows that the vacancy rate for nurses is 19% in the region, and 18% statewide.

By expanding the [nursing program](#), STLCC will positively influence the health care and workforce needs of the surrounding region.

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Caption: St. Louis Community College nursing students practice their knowledge in a simulation laboratory at Center for Nursing and Health Sciences at STLCC-Forest Park.

About St. Louis Community College

Established in 1962, St. Louis Community College is the largest community college district in Missouri and one of the largest in the United States. STLCC has four campuses: Florissant Valley, Forest Park, Meramec and Wildwood. The College annually serves more than 50,000 students through credit courses, continuing education, and workforce development programs. For more information about STLCC, visit stlcc.edu