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WTCS announces unprecedented agreement to benefit nursing graduates

MADISON – Registered Nurses with two-year degree from a Wisconsin technical college can now fully apply those credits toward a bachelor degree.

The agreement originated with Milwaukee Area Technical College (MATC) and Cardinal Stritch University, but the replicable approach was immediately made available to nursing graduates of all 16 Wisconsin technical colleges.

The one-day-per week program, part of the university's Bachelor of Science in Nursing Completion program, is designed for registered nurses looking for enhanced career opportunities, promotions, and management positions.

"This is the type of innovative approach that I believe you'll see more and more often," said Morna Foy, president of the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS). "It makes career progression very attainable for our highly skilled nursing graduates," Foy said.

Stritch, with its main campus in Milwaukee and campuses throughout Wisconsin and Minnesota, designed the bachelor degree completion program specifically for working registered nurses. The program is accredited through the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

"Working with Stritch leaders to make this option available for our graduates was very rewarding," said Dr. Vicki Martin, provost and executive vice president at MATC. "Its flexible design and full credit transfer make this efficient for our students and great for our employer partners," Martin said.

About the System:

The Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) offers more than 300 programs awarding two-year associate degrees, one- and two-year technical diplomas and short-term technical diplomas and certificates. In addition, the System is the major provider of customized training and technical assistance to Wisconsin's business and industry community. Nearly 370,000 individuals access the technical colleges for education and training each year.

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