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American Career College is seeking approval for an Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) program in the Ontario area. We are currently working with the California Board of Registered Nursing for approval of this program. Therefore, we asking for your support of our ADN program.

We realize that many prospective nursing students are being held on long wait lists. Meanwhile, our community has a shortage of nurses, and the COVID-19 pandemic is exacerbating the shortage. This program will be positioned to help support the current and future deficits of Registered Nurses in the Inland Empire.

The program is projected to enroll the first cohort of students in March 2022. Students will begin clinical rotations in May 2022. The Ontario program will be a duplicate of our established ADN program at the Los Angeles campus. The LA ADN program achieved an 84.6% first-time NCLEX pass rate for the latest quarter in 2021 (April-June) and a 91.6% first-time NCLEX pass rate for the 2020/2021 year, 92.6% for 2019/2020, and 91.5% for 2018/2019. The program has consistently exceeded a 90% first-time pass rate for the last three years.

Our intent is to partner with your clinical site to provide a viability clinical experience for our students, and not to displace students from other schools rotating at your facility.

Your signature below serves as support of American Career College ADN program in Ontario, and confirms that the program will not be displacing students from other nursing schools.

We are grateful for your clinical partnership and look forward to continuing our relationship with you.

Julie France

Julie France, Director of Nursing

Quentin Christopher
Agency Representative Signature

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9/14/21
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Los Angeles Community Hospital
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11/07/2021

RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR AMERICAN CAREER COLLEGE

Dear CA Board of Registered Nursing,

American Career College is currently seeking approval for an Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) program in the Ontario area. We have worked closely with American Career College and support the expansion of their ADN program to Ontario, California.

There is a huge demand for nurses in California. These shortages are felt the most at community hospitals. We currently are facing a shortage of RNs at our hospital(s). The new graduates from these programs help fill vital roles in our hospitals. The expansion of their program will be vital in helping to fill the gaps in the current nursing shortage. Our facilities will also help support the program by providing clinical rotations where possible, without displacing any programs or schools currently rotation through our facility.

Please accept this letter as a vote of support for American Career College's expansion of their RN program to their Ontario Campus.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. James', written in a cursive style.

Carmelo James, RN MBA BSN
Chief Nursing Officer
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November 15, 2021

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RE: American Career College – Ontario

As California continues to suffer the greatest nursing shortages in the nation, the undersigned members of the legislature respectfully request the Board of Registered Nursing (Board) to use established processes with clear timelines and objective criteria to approve increased enrollment at American Career College in the Inland Empire.

In particular, the “2020 OSHPD Registered Nurse Shortage Area Report” listed and calculated the severity of the shortage in 72 census tracts in California. Five of the six census tracts in the Inland Empire have a medium or high severity of RN shortage. In the neighboring census tracts, four of five report medium or high severity of shortage. There are no census tracts in or neighboring the Inland Empire that have no shortage of RN’s. Any shortage is unacceptable.

American Career College’s request to establish an Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) program in Ontario will improve access to healthcare professionals in the Inland Empire. Historically, nearly half of the graduates from America Career College – Los Angeles work in hospitals within 10 miles of campus. Along with the diversity among the student population at the American Career College – Ontario, this program will improve the quality of healthcare in the Inland Empire.

Furthermore, the American Career College will provide meaningful access to high-paying careers. The median income in San Bernardino and Riverside Counties is \$35,000. Nearly all of American Career College – Ontario graduates earn above the 25th percentile of the median income for these counties. According to Indeed.com, the annual compensation for RN’s in the Inland Empire is approximately \$84,000, more than double the median income for the region.

No amount of regional shortage, regardless if it is a “low, medium or high” designation is acceptable during a global pandemic. As the COVID 19 pandemic continues to cause extreme stress to our healthcare systems, the State of California was forced to contract with the nation’s largest traveling nurse provider, at a cost of up to one billion dollars over six months, to supply out-of-state nurses to help California hospitals meet nursing shortages.

Given the Board estimates approximately 22,000 qualified students are turned away from a nursing education annually due to a lack of enrollment capacity, it is incumbent upon the Board to provide more access to nursing education, while assuring patient protection by bridging the gap on the State’s current source of nurses.

For these reasons, we respectfully request the Board approve American Career College’s request to establish an Associate Degree in Nursing program in Ontario. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of Assemblymember Rodriguez at (916) 319-2052.

Sincerely,



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11/07/2021

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Dear CA Board of Registered Nursing,

American Career College is currently seeking approval for an Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) program in the Ontario area. There is a shortage of RN candidates throughout the Inland Empire. A program like this would help ease a very tight nurse market in communities that need it the most. Nursing roles are among the most difficult to fill. Many nurses have left the profession entirely because of Covid-19 related stresses, being overworked and overwhelmed. Also, many nurses are seeking attractive wages by leaving our state entirely and working for traveling nurse agencies. This has left our hospitals a staffing crisis and acute shortage of RN's.

Please accept this letter as a vote of support for American Career College's expansion of their RN program to their Ontario Campus and statement of the critical shortage of RN's in the area.

Sincerely,

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Cheryl Gilliatt, Chief Nursing Officer

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Sincerely,



Araceli Lonergan, CEO



Greater El Monte Community Hospital

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November 9, 2021

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RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR AMERICAN CAREER COLLEGE

To Whom It May Concern,

American Career College is currently seeking approval for an expansion of the Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) program in the Ontario area. With an aging nursing workforce, outmigration of California nurses to other states, and nurses leaving the nursing practice because of Covid-19 related stresses, being overworked and overwhelmed, an ADN program would help ease a very tight nursing market in communities that warrants it the most. There is a shortage of RN candidates throughout the Inland Empire and nursing roles are among the most difficult to fill. This has left our hospitals in California in a staffing crisis due to an acute shortage of registered nurses.

Please accept this letter as a vote of support for American Career College's expansion of their RN program to their Ontario Campus and statement of the critical shortage of RN's in the area.

Sincerely,

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