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Chamberlain College of Nursing Accepting International Transfer Students at Chicago, Houston and Arlington Campuses

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Initiative aims to support diversity in the nursing workforce and improve global healthcare

DOWNERS GROVE, Ill.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- In an effort to meet increasing worldwide healthcare needs, Chamberlain College of Nursing is now authorized under federal law to enroll nonimmigrant students interested in pursuing a pre-licensure Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree. Nonimmigrant students will be able to choose among three approved Chamberlain campuses: Arlington, Virginia; Chicago, Illinois; and Houston, Texas.

The World Health Organization (WHO) cites several examples to illustrate how global healthcare needs are growing along with the population. English-speaking Caribbean nations, which in 2010 had 1.25 nurses for every 1,000 people — 10 times fewer than the European Union and the United States — will be short 10,000 nurses by 2025.[1] Across the Atlantic Ocean in Malawi, there are only 17 nurses for every 100,000 people; in India, nurse shortages occur at every level of the country's healthcare system.[1] Millions of new nurses are needed to provide an adequate nurse-patient ratio.

"Massive healthcare needs exist in many countries," said Susan Groenwald, Ph.D., RN, ANEF, FAAN, national president of Chamberlain College of Nursing. "By broadening our nursing education to include international students, we are taking another step toward our vision of graduating extraordinary nurses with a global perspective, equipped to address healthcare needs of people around the world."

Other issues that contribute to nurse shortages include a lack of nursing faculty and infrastructure to support higher education in many countries, prompting many international students to travel abroad for specialized education.[2] The number of international students in the United States has been growing exponentially for more than a decade.[3] This year, approximately one million foreign students in the U.S. are enrolled in college degree programs, which is a 14 percent increase over 2014 and an 85 percent increase over 2005.[3]

Nonimmigrant students may enroll in one of the three participating Chamberlain campuses. Nonimmigrant students who meet Chamberlain's admission requirements may begin taking classes starting August 31 for the fall semester. Nonimmigrant students will participate in approximately 800 hours of experiential learning through simulations, skills labs and clinical training during their coursework; upon completing the BSN, they will have worked in diverse clinical settings, which will be invaluable as they return to their home countries.

Nonimmigrant students at Chamberlain will experience the same curriculum, classroom and lab experiences as domestic students, and will benefit from similar scholarship opportunities. Chamberlain offers a variety of student organizations to promote community and participation for all students. To learn more about opportunities for nonimmigrant students at Chamberlain, visit chamberlain.edu/international. For more information about Chamberlain College of Nursing, visit chamberlain.edu.

About Chamberlain College of Nursing

For over 125 years, Chamberlain College of Nursing has been at the forefront of excellence in nursing education. Chamberlain is increasing access to nursing education nationwide with campuses offering the three-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program and flexible post-licensure programs such as the RN to BSN option, Master of Science in Nursing degree program, Doctor of Nursing Practice degree program and graduate certificates.

Chamberlain College of Nursing is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC, www.hlcommission.org). HLC is one of the eight regional agencies that accredit U.S. colleges and universities at the institutional level. The Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program, the Master of Science in Nursing degree program and the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree program at Chamberlain College of Nursing are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE, One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington, DC 20036, 202-887-6791). Accreditation provides assurance to the public and to prospective students that standards of quality have been met.

Chamberlain College of Nursing is certified to operate by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, 101 N. 14th Street, 10th floor, James Monroe Building, Richmond VA 23219, 804.225.2600. Chamberlain College of Nursing is approved to operate from the Virginia Board of Nursing Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico VA 23233-1463, 804.367.4515.

Program/program option availability varies by state/location. Chamberlain reserves the right to update information as it becomes available. Information is current at the time of posting. For the most updated accreditation information, visit chamberlain.edu/accreditation. Comprehensive consumer information is available at chamberlain.edu/studentconsumerinfo.

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[1] http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/88/5/10-020510/en/

[2] http://www.nap.edu/catalog/12956/the-future-of-nursing-leading-change-advancing-health

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