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Chamberlain College of Nursing Expands with Irving Campus

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Third Texas campus aims to alleviate impending nursing shortage in booming Dallas-Fort Worth area

DOWNERS GROVE, Ill.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Chamberlain College of Nursing is proud to announce the opening of a new campus in Irving, Texas, its third campus in Texas and 18th nationwide. The campus will offer a three-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree program and is now accepting applications for admission to the fall semester, which begins Monday, Aug. 31.

Located at 4800 Regent Blvd., Chamberlain's Irving campus is accessible from Dallas, Fort Worth and the Mid-Cities in between. The campus will offer an on-site BSN degree program and is equipped with Chamberlain's SIMCARE CENTER™, which provides high-tech simulated patient care training in clinical learning environments, as well as a Center for Academic Success that delivers comprehensive academic resources and support.

"Chamberlain's philosophy of education, which we call *Chamberlain Care*, is different than that of many higher education institutions," said Susan Groenwald, Ph.D., RN, ANEF, FAAN, national president of Chamberlain College of Nursing. "We have an unswerving commitment to taking extraordinary care of our students and providing robust resources to help them succeed. Faculty and staff provide students with individualized resources and support from the beginning of their academic careers through graduation, preparing each student with the strong foundation needed to be an extraordinary nurse equipped with the values, behaviors and knowledge base required not only to succeed but to lead positive change in today's healthcare environment."

Growing healthcare needs in Texas are creating a high demand for registered nurses (RNs), especially those with bachelor's degrees. In 2012, the Texas rate of unfilled jobs for RNs reached a high of 8.1 percent, higher than those seen in other comparably sized states, and has remained steady since then.[1] Hospitals in Texas rank higher education, or a BSN degree, as the second most important attribute when hiring new staff, just after relevant nursing experience.[2] Regionally in North Texas, more than 50 percent of hospitals in the area report to the Texas Department of Health Services that they consider BSNs for their RN staff important or very important.[2] Chamberlain College of Nursing's Irving campus will help alleviate the need for more qualified nurses in Texas by building upon a

presence in Houston and simultaneously easing the tangential economic burdens for hospitals spending millions on interim staff coverage.[2]

“I am honored to welcome Chamberlain College of Nursing to Texas’ 24th Congressional District,” said U.S. Rep. Kenny Marchant. “Having Chamberlain in Irving will help today’s nursing students become qualified medical professionals ready to serve the healthcare needs of North Texas’ growing population.”

Chamberlain’s Irving campus will be led by Kacie Spencer, DNP, MSN, RN. Dr. Spencer, former president of Chamberlain’s Pearland campus, brings more than a decade of clinical nursing and academic experience to her new role. She has previously served as dean of academic affairs for Chamberlain’s Houston campus and faculty chair and dean of academic affairs for Chamberlain’s Arlington, Virginia, campus.

Open houses for prospective students will be held at the new Irving campus on Tuesday, July 14 and Thursday, July 16 from 4-7 p.m.; and Tuesday, Aug. 18 and Thursday, Aug. 20 from 4-7 p.m. For more information about Chamberlain College of Nursing’s Irving campus or to RSVP, visit chamberlain.edu/irving.

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 online 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) and is a member of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (ncahlc.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.

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] *Hospital Nurse Staffing Survey: Vacancy and Turnover.* Texas Center for Nursing Workforce Studies, October 2014. <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/chs/cnws/Hospital-Survey-Reports/>

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