



Nursing Pipeline Preparatory Program NP³

Inspiring Teens toward Nursing Careers

Inaugural Program- Fall 2019-2020 @ St. John's College of Nursing

Do you know a Springfield-area high school or junior high student who dreams of becoming a nurse? The Nursing Pipeline Preparatory Program, or NP³, gives young people a head start into nursing careers and provides them with early mentors within the Springfield nursing community. The after-school program is sponsored by St. John's Hospital, The City of Springfield.

Students enter NP³ when they are high school freshmen and continue through their senior year. This four-year experience familiarizes them with nursing school coursework, undergraduate college and nursing school admissions processes, test-taking skills, critical thinking and specialty training. The curriculum, developed by faculty and staff from St. John's College of Nursing and District 186, includes:

- special lectures
- physical skills-training
- job shadowing
- problem-based learning (PBL)
- laboratory aptitude in the state of the art simulation center
- research
- college-planning seminars- financial aid planning
- supplemental instruction in college-level science, technology, engineering and math courses
- mentoring activities modeled after nursing education programs

Nursing Faculty, Family Nurse Practitioners, and educators from District 186 lead the after-school sessions.

The Pipeline is open to Springfield High schools (Lanphier, Southeast, Springfield High), Sacred Heart Griffin, Calvary and Lutheran High School. Participating students are chosen through a competitive process by a committee that includes St. John's Hospital professionals and District 186 partners, as well as community representatives. Applications must reflect high academic performance and attendance, a high level of motivation and sincere interest in becoming a nurse. The committee also gives consideration to students with a disadvantaged socioeconomic background or the potential to become a first-generation college graduate.

Nursing Pipeline Preparatory Program (NP³)

High school freshmen interested in a career as a nurse are invited to the Nursing Pipeline Preparatory Program (NP³), sponsored by St. John's College of Nursing, St. John's Hospital and District 186. NP³ places high school students alongside medical students and other professionals for a rigorous curriculum. The program introduces them to the field of nursing and exposes them to dozens of nursing career possibilities.

NP³ recruits a diverse group of students who want to become nurses and provides support, leadership opportunities, and a variety of hands-on experiences to assist them in pursuing this career goal. This four-year after-school program features two, 2-week modules of study during the academic year, as well as volunteer summer experiences. NP³ students are expected to remain in the program through all of their high school education.

The selection process for NP³ begins by submitting an application packet. Only incoming high school freshmen are eligible. The application must include evidence of high academic performance (GPA at least 2.5) and an attendance rate of at least 90%. The selection committee looks favorably upon applicants from underrepresented groups (African-Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Alaskan Natives and Pacific Islanders), as well as potential first generation college students and those who might not otherwise be able to get exposure to such nursing experiences.

Additional facts about the program

- A program director monitors participants' grades, attendance, and behavior in high school, as well as during NP3 activities.
- Students must maintain at least a 2.5 GPA in high school to remain in NP3.
- All students must be enrolled in a rigorous high school curriculum. Disciplinary problems, attendance issues, or other matters that impact a student's success in the program will be reviewed by NP3 administrators.

Questions regarding NP3 should be directed to:

- Dr. Charlene Aaron, Chancellor of St. John's College of Nursing, charlene.aaron@sjcs.edu 217-814-5442, or Mary Poff, Administrative Assistant at St. John's College of Nursing , mary.poff@sjcs.edu 217-814-5442.

Nursing Pipeline Preparatory Program (NP³) 2019-2020 Application

EACH APPLICATION MUST CONTAIN:

1. **Three letters of recommendation:** teacher, school administrator and community member preferred. Forms are attached.
2. **Personal essay** explaining interest in NP³, career plans, and other goals. Essay should be typed, double-spaced and not more than 250 words.
3. **A summary of student experiences (form attached)**

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Monday, September 23, 2019

Complete the application; sign and return, along with the essay and recommendation sheets to one of the following locations:

- By mail: Charlene Aaron St. John's College of Nursing 729 E Carpenter St. Springfield, IL 62702, or email @ charlene.aaron@sjcs.edu
- Drop off application at St. John's College of Nursing, 729 E Carpenter (secure building use the front door to be buzzed in) leave application with Amanda Malina.
- Please note: **All students applying must return their applications to the College of Nursing by 4:30 p.m.**

If you do not complete a particular section of the application, please explain why.
Please note: Prospective NP³ Student Interviews will be held October 7-11, 2019. All interviews will be at St. John's College of Nursing. Applicants will be notified of the times and room locations.

First Module of Study: November 4-7 and 12-14, 2019
Second Module of Study: February 3-6 and 10-13, 2020

A student/parent informational meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 30, 2019, 5 – 6 pm at St. John's College of Nursing, 729 E Carpenter St. Springfield IL 62702.

Attendance at this meeting is strongly encouraged.

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Student name _____
School _____
Home address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip code _____
Student cell phone: _____ Home phone: _____
Student e-mail address (print clearly): _____
Birth date _____ Gender Ethnicity _____

Do you have regular access to the Internet? Yes No

Parent(s) / guardian contact information:

Mother:

- Name: _____
- Cell phone: _____
- Address if different from student: _____
- Home phone: _____ Work phone: _____
- E-mail address: (print clearly) _____

Father:

- Name: _____
- Cell phone: _____
- Address if different from student: _____
- Home phone: _____ Work phone: _____
- E-mail address: (print clearly) _____

Student signature _____ **Date** _____

Parent/guardian signature _____ **Date** _____

Student Experiences

Extracurricular, school, civic and/or religious activities; volunteer experiences, pastimes, hobbies, etc. Make copies of this page as needed.

If you have nothing to put in this section, please explain why.

Organization _____

Dates worked/served/participated _____

Number of hours per week _____

Organization contact person _____

Phone number _____

Description: _____

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Description: _____

School Administrator Reference

Please complete this form to help evaluate the following student as a prospective participant in the Nursing Pipeline Preparatory Program (NP³).

Student name

Administrator name/position _____

Phone number (optional) _____

Student's GPA (must be at least 2.5 on 4.0 scale; may use 8th grade GPA) _____

Please rate the student in the following areas as **Exceptional, Above Average, Average** or **Below Average**. Explanatory comments are welcomed.

Attendance record (must be at least 90%) _____

Interactions with teachers _____

Interactions with students _____

Communication skills _____

Leadership skills _____

Level of maturity _____

Acceptance of responsibility _____

Please describe the qualities or characteristics that make this student an exceptional candidate for the Nursing Pipeline Preparatory Program. Continue on back, if necessary.

Administrator's signature _____

Please seal this form in an envelope and return it to the student, who will include it with his/her application. Thank you!

School Teacher Reference

Please complete this form to help evaluate the following student as a prospective participant in the Nursing Pipeline Preparatory Program (NP³).

Student name

Teacher's name _____

Phone number (optional) _____

Student's GPA (must be at least 2.5 on 4.0 scale; may use 8th grade GPA) _____

Please rate the student in the following areas as **Exceptional**, **Above Average**, **Average** or **Below Average**. Explanatory comments are welcomed.

Attendance record (must be at least 90%) _____

Interactions with teachers _____

Interactions with students _____

Communication skills _____

Leadership skills _____

Level of maturity _____

Acceptance of responsibility _____

Please describe the qualities or characteristics that make this student an exceptional candidate for the Nursing Pipeline Preparatory Program. Continue on back, if necessary.

Teacher's signature _____

Please seal this form in an envelope and return it to the student, who will include it with his/her application. Thank you!

Community Member Reference

Please complete this form to help evaluate the following student as a prospective participant in the Nursing Pipeline Preparatory Program (NP³).

Student name

Community Member's name/relationship _____

Phone number (optional) _____

Student's GPA (must be at least 2.5 on 4.0 scale; may use 8th grade GPA) _____

Please rate the student in the following areas as **Exceptional**, **Above Average**, **Average** or **Below Average**. Explanatory comments are welcomed.

Attendance record (must be at least 90%) _____

Interactions with teachers _____

Interactions with students _____

Communication skills _____

Leadership skills _____

Level of maturity _____

Acceptance of responsibility _____

Please describe the qualities or characteristics that make this student an exceptional candidate for the Nursing Pipeline Preparatory Program. Continue on back, if necessary.

Community Member's signature _____

Please seal this form in an envelope and return it to the student, who will include it with his/her application. Thank you!