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.

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School Administrator Reference

*Please complete this form to help evaluate the following student as a prospective participant in the NursingPipeline 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!