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Rhodes State College Announces RN to BSN Completion Program with Defiance College

LIMA, Ohio -- Rhodes State College is partnering with Defiance College to offer an RN to BSN Completion Program. Graduates of the Rhodes State College associate degree nursing program will be granted admission at Defiance at junior status. During that transition year, students will take additional general education and humanities. To begin the fourth year of studies, students must successfully pass the NCLEX-RN licensing exam and complete 10 hours of required prerequisite general education coursework.

All nursing classes will be offered online or in hybrid/blended formats at Rhodes State. Students will be able to complete the BSN in an additional four semesters of full-time study. In addition, coursework can be completed in summer sessions. A "Nurse Executive" thread has been incorporated throughout the curriculum to prepare graduates with executive leadership skills necessary to excel in any dynamic health care environment.

"Our partnership with Defiance College recognizes the potential and opportunity for our graduates to take the next step in their education. This partnership broadens access for nurses in our region who need the flexibility to take classes online or right here in Lima," said Debra McCurdy, President of Rhodes State College.

"Defiance College is pleased to partner with Rhodes State College to offer a quality program that will allow nurses in the Lima area to achieve their bachelor of science in nursing degree," said Dr. Barbara Schirmer, Defiance College provost. "This convenient format fits well into the busy lifestyles of today's professionals, and our nursing faculty are committed to the success of our students."

Students interested, should contact Teresa Iames (Rhodes State) at (419) 995-8029 or Cindy Woodfield (Defiance College) at 419-783-2448.

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