

History of the Nursing Program

Cleveland State Community College

Cleveland State Community College (CSCC) is one of the oldest community colleges in the state of Tennessee. In fact, CSCC was the first community college founded in the eastern section of the state and began offering classes in the fall of 1967. The school administrators quickly saw the need for a nursing department to address the changing local healthcare needs and national trends in nursing at that time. The program was founded on the belief that nursing is a service, which aims to assist individuals to attain, maintain, or regain optimum level wellness through application of the nursing process. In January of 1968, the first nursing class began their intense and concentrated program. In May of 1969, twenty-one CSCC nursing students became the first to graduate with an Associate of Science in Nursing (A.S.N.) degree.

Through the years, the CSCC Nursing Department has always tried to accommodate the needs of its students. Many of these students have jobs, families, and many other obligations in addition to school. The recent addition of evening classes has allowed a greater number of students to pursue a career in the field of nursing while still balancing their busy lives outside of class. The nursing program at Cleveland State is significant because it allows individuals an opportunity to better themselves professionally, and also is a step towards alleviating a national shortage in the nursing profession at a time when we need it the most.

Cleveland State Community College Department of Nursing is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) and approved by the Tennessee Board of Nursing. The Nursing Department maintains a contractual relationship with many clinical and health care agencies throughout East Tennessee and North Georgia. The program prepares graduates to be professionals practicing nursing in a competent and conscientious manner. Our nursing students are accountable for upholding high moral and ethical standards; this personal responsibility is vital to nursing.

Since the inception of the Nursing Department, CSCC has graduated over 2000 successful nurses, who are working in all areas of nursing all over the country and abroad in a wide variety of settings. Among our distinguished graduates, many have become leaders in a variety of fields. We are proud of who we are, where we came from, and where we are going from here. The sky's the limit.

Cleveland State COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Student Nurse Pinning Ceremony • Class of May 2024



Thursday, May 2, 2024 • 5:30 pm
L. Quentin Lane Gymnasium

“The most rewarding things in life are often the ones that look like they cannot be done.”

– Arnold Palmer

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The Florence Nightingale Pledge

“I solemnly pledge myself before God and in the presence of this assembly to faithfully practice my profession of nursing. I will do all in my power to make and maintain the highest standards and practices of my profession.

I will hold in confidence all personal matters committed to my keeping in the practice of my calling. I will assist the physician in his work and will devote myself to the welfare of my patients, my family, and my community.

I will endeavor to fulfill my rights and privileges as a good citizen and take my share of responsibility in promoting the health and welfare of the community.

I will constantly endeavor to increase my knowledge and skills in nursing and to use them wisely. I will zealously seek to nurse those who are ill wherever they may be and whenever they are in need.

I will be active in assisting others in safeguarding and promoting the health and happiness of mankind.”

---authorunknown

Pinning Ceremony

- * Processional**Ms. Donna Baca**
- ** Invocation**Sarah Chance**

- Welcome**Ms. Maureen Baksh-Griffin**

- President’s Address**Dr. Andrew White,**
*President, Cleveland State
Community College*
- Commendations.....**Dr. Corey Campbell**
Vice President of Academic Affairs
- Congratulations**Ms. Sandra Godsey**
Dean of Business & Healthcare

- Recognition of
the Class Of May 2024**Mr. Greg Edwards**
- Awards**Mr. Greg Edwards**

- Student Representative Address.....**Haley Reynolds**

- Inspirational Message**Ms. Ashley McEwen**

- Awarding of the Pins**Faculty/Student Guests**

- History of the Lamp**Ms. Desiree’ McCarthy**

- Lighting of the Lamps **Ms. Desiree’ McCarthy**

- *** Florence Nightingale Pledge**Dr. Bonnie Freeland**

- ** Benediction**Baylee Ballew**

- Recessional.....**Ms. Vickie Still**

* *Audience please remain seated*
 ** *Audience please stand*
 *** *Nurses in audience, please stand and recite pledge along with class of 2024.*

Class of May 2024

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| Baylee Ballew | Zoe Harden, |
| Breanna Bivens | <i>Beta Omicron</i> |
| Anita Boutwell | Tessa Hawkins |
| Amberlee Brady | Gina Jules-Metellus |
| Parker Brooksher, | Emily Lawson |
| <i>Beta Omicron</i> | Yulduz Khayrieva, |
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| <i>Beta Omicron</i> | <i>Beta Omicron</i> |
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| Kaitlyn Carden | <i>Beta Omicron</i> |
| Hannah Carroll | Hannah McKee |
| Sarah Chance, | Kerrin Parker, |
| <i>Beta Omicron</i> | <i>Beta Omicron</i> |
| Carly Chastain | Jackson Prater, |
| Kadyn Chastain, | <i>Beta Omicron</i> |
| <i>Beta Omicron</i> | Haley Reynolds, |
| Brittany Cook | <i>Beta Omicron</i> |
| Shannon Cross | Shelly Shedd |
| Aaliyah Davis | Gracen Sanders |
| Samantha Ellis | Rachael Sewell |
| Carie Fenton | Miranda Shelton |
| Gillian Frey | Daniel Shepherd |
| Stephanie Goodine, | Donna Kaye Vanblaricum |
| <i>Beta Omicron</i> | |