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**MONTCALM COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND DAVENPORT UNIVERSITY  
ANNOUNCE PARTNERSHIP DEGREE PROGRAM**

**Sidney, Mich., April 13, 2015** – Montcalm Community College (MCC) and Davenport University (DU) have formed a new transfer degree agreement that enables MCC students working on their Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) to formally enroll in DU’s Bachelor of Science in Nursing Concurrent Enrollment program. Students would take classes at both institutions and receive their Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) in approximately two semesters after earning their ADN.

“Partnering with Montcalm Community College is a huge plus for Davenport University,” said Dr. Richard Pappas, President of Davenport University. “This expanded agreement gives nursing students the opportunity to continue their education and advance their careers in an in-demand field.”

“This partnership with Davenport University establishes a formal process whereby students can seamlessly move from their associate degree to a baccalaureate degree,” said MCC President Robert C. Ferrentino, J.D. “It gives students a great advantage to acquire needed nursing credentials.”

The Bachelor of Nursing Concurrent Enrollment program is a special program designed for specific, dedicated students who want to earn their Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree in a shorter amount of time. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the number of nurses needed will grow from 2.74 million in 2010 to 3.45 million in 2020. This program will address the nursing shortage by preparing more nurses to enter the workforce in Michigan.

**About Davenport University**

Founded in 1866, Davenport is a private, non-profit university serving nearly 9,000 students at campuses across Michigan and online. With tuition among the lowest of all private universities in the state, Davenport provides high academic quality, small class sizes, conveniently located campuses, faculty with real-world experience and more than 50 dynamic undergraduate and graduate programs addressing in-demand careers in business, technology, health professions and urban education. More information is available at [www.davenport.edu](http://www.davenport.edu).

**About Montcalm Community College**

Montcalm Community College was founded in 1965. With average semester enrollments of about 2,000 students, MCC offers 61 associate degree, certificate and job-training programs; courses for transfer to other institutions; online courses; and articulations with other colleges that offer students a seamless transfer. MCC’s main campus is located on 220 acres in Sidney. Classes are also offered on the college’s Greenville campus and at learning centers in Ionia, Howard City and Newaygo. [www.montcalm.edu](http://www.montcalm.edu)