

***Collin County Community College District Board of Trustees***

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Resource: Brenda Kihl  
Executive Vice President

**AGENDA ITEM:** Approval of New Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree

**DISCUSSION:** The Collin College Master Plan and Vision 2020 Strategic Plan identifies a priority to add workforce and academic programs to align with projected Collin County labor market needs. Labor market analysis has indicated an increasing demand for employees in the healthcare industry, especially those with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. The BSN degree has been researched and developed in accordance with the criteria required by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges. This criteria includes job market analysis, employment projections, enrollment projections, integration of the general education core, career and technical skills, faculty recruitment planning and advisory committee input.

The BSN degree includes a 42 semester credit hour general education core and 78 required semester credit hours specific to the knowledge and skills required for employment as bachelor's prepared nurse. As required by Texas law, the BSN program has a total of 120 semester credit hours.

**DISTRICT PRESIDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:** The District President recommends approval of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.

**SUGGESTED MOTION:** "Mr. Chairman, I make a motion that the Board of Trustees of Collin County Community College District approves the new Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree."