

KAPLAN UNIVERSITY NURSING PROGRAM RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATION

Online Bachelor of Science in Nursing Recognized by National Nursing Commission

Davenport, IA, April 17, 2006 – Kaplan University's School of Nursing and Health Care today announced that its online Bachelor of Science in Nursing program has been awarded national professional accreditation from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). Kaplan's nursing curriculum is designed for registered nurses who want to complete their bachelor's degree.

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) is considered a standard requirement for nurses seeking career advancement. Kaplan University's program caters to registered nurses who want to prepare for health care leadership positions and gain the educational foundation needed for the pursuit of graduate studies in nursing.

"As our nation's population ages, the demand for highly skilled and well-educated nurses grows," noted Diann Martin, R.N., D.N.Sc., Dean of the School of Nursing and Health Care. "Kaplan University is among the first major online universities to be accredited by the organization. This accreditation validates the excellence of our BSN program and recognizes its contribution to the nursing field."

CCNE is an affiliate of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. It began accrediting baccalaureate and graduate nursing programs in 1998. Kaplan University's BSN program is now one of approximately 677 nursing programs at 418 institutions to be recognized for its educational quality. To learn more, visit <http://www.kaplan.edu/ku/schools/nursinghealthcare>.

Kaplan University, based in Davenport, Iowa, is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA). Kaplan University currently serves more than 23,000 online and on-ground students.

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