



## Pathways to Nursing Success Program

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As you may already be aware, Trocaire's Vision is to ensure students are graduates of choice, in career oriented professions. It is also our goal to produce a diverse range of professionals in an effort to close the gap of disparity between patient and professional demographics within health care related fields.

Recently Trocaire College has become the proud recipient of the Nursing Workforce Diversity grant from HRSA (The Health Resources and Services Administration). This mission of HRSA is to utilize Federal Grant money to improve health care for people who are geographically isolated, and/or economically or medically vulnerable.

At Trocaire we are utilizing these funds to launch the *Pathways to Nursing Success Program*. We recognize the world is ever changing and we would like to be on the forefront of producing highly qualified compassionate nursing professionals that meet these needs. The Trocaire College *Pathways to Nursing Success Program* 2017-2021 will recruit, and enroll, 25 Trocaire Scholars into our Associate of Applied Science Nursing Program. This program aims to provide students with support from admission to completion of **both** the Associated Degree in Nursing and the Bachelor of Science with a major in Nursing Degree.

***This is an exciting and unique opportunity and we encourage you to apply! Completed applications should be emailed to Shawnte Wilson at wilsons@trocaire.edu or a complete application can be dropped off to her in Room 230 by Friday November 3, 2017.***

### **The Pathways to Nursing Success Program will provide to students accepted:**

- Mentoring in the form of Professionals, Peers, and faculty (you get one of each)
- Enhanced Tutoring Services with either Professional/Peer Tutors/Supplemental Instruction
- Case Management Services
- Invitations to Nursing Immersion Events to help prepare you for the RN field and the school/work/life balance needed to get through the program
- A community of cohorts
- Financial support in the form of scholarships and stipends to alleviate financial stressors

### **Eligible Students at Trocaire Must:**

- Be a 1<sup>st</sup> year FT RN Student with a desire to obtain their BS Nursing Degree at the conclusion of their RN program.
- Be a U.S. citizen or legal resident alien.

- Identify as a member of an underrepresented minority population (Black or African American, Hispanic or Latino, American Indian or Alaska Native, Native Hawaiians or other ethnicity identified as URM)
- Demonstrate Economic Hardship (low or no EFC, fall within federal poverty guidelines, personal statement outlining substantial financial need) **AND/OR** Demonstrate Educational Hardship (graduate of a Buffalo Public School (except City Honors), 1<sup>st</sup> generation college student, ESL/Refugee, recipient of SNAP/TANF, Medicaid, Section 8 benefits)
- Be available for an interview

**Students Accepted in the Program will be required to:**

- Maintain an eligible nursing student status (2.75 GPA, no more than 1 w/d or failure in any academic class)
- Attend Bi weekly Case Management Meetings
- Make 2 points of contact per month with an assigned Professional Mentor (1 must be face to face)
- Make 2 points of contact per semester with an assigned Faculty Mentor (both must be face to face)
- Meet for professional/peer tutoring for 7-9 hours per week, those with a 3.3 GPA or higher may be allowed to commit to a lesser amount
- Make 1 point of contact per week each month with a peer mentor (2 must be face to face)
- Attend and Participate in 5 Nursing Immersion Events per semester
- Attendance and participation in any scheduled supplemental instruction activities
- Attendance and participation in any scheduled CHCB internship opportunities

If ***you are interested*** in participating in this new and exciting program, please fill out the enclosed application and **return it via email to Shawnte Wilson at [wilsons@trocaire.edu](mailto:wilsons@trocaire.edu) or a complete application can be dropped off to her in Room 230 by Friday November 3, 2017**. If you have any additional questions regarding the program and its expectations please contact Shawnte Wilson, Pathways to Nursing Success Program Coordinator via email at [wilsons@trocaire.edu](mailto:wilsons@trocaire.edu) or via phone at (716) 827-2440

I hope you will consider this amazing opportunity.

Warm regards,



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## Trocaire College Pathways to Nursing Success Program Application 2017- 2021

**\*\*Please note signing below is your formal agreement to participate in all Pathways to Nursing Success programming.**

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone/  
Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender (optional)  
 Male  Female

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Do you identify as a person of Hispanic/Latino or Spanish Origin?  
 Yes  No

How are you most comfortable describing yourself? (Select one or more)

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Black or African American
- Asian
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Citizenship Status:  U.S. Citizen  Permanent U.S. Resident  Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/s Highest Level of Education (I.E. High School, Some College, Associate's, Bachelor's, etc.)

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Father \_\_\_\_\_

Did you attend a Buffalo Public School?:  **Yes** (if so which one) \_\_\_\_\_ **No**

Is English your first language?  **Yes**  **No**, If not, what is your first language? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a FT student in the Trocaire RN program?  **Yes**  **No**

Would you consider yourself economically disadvantaged based on one or more of the below:

- An EFC (expected family contribution) of \$0-\$1,000  **Yes**  **No**
- Meets federal poverty guidelines for economically disadvantaged based on income and household size(listed below)  **Yes**  **No**

<b>FAMILY SIZE (# in household)</b>	<b>Income 48 Contiguous States and D.C.</b>	<b>Income for Alaska</b>	<b>Income for Hawaii</b>
1	\$23,760	\$29,680	\$27,340
2	32,040	40,040	36,860
3	40,320	50,400	46,380
4	48,600	60,760	55,900
5	56,880	71,120	65,420
6	65,160	81,480	74,940
7	73,460	91,840	84,460
8	81,780	102,240	94,020
For each additional person, add	\$8,320	\$10,400	\$9,560

If you do not meet 1 or more of the above listed financial criteria, please write a short statement indicating why you feel you have financial hardship. (Please be sure to indicate: if you have children attending college, if you were recently laid off or terminated, if you are caring for a loved one or family member who is elderly or a child, if you spend 40% or more of your monthly income on transportation costs to get to school, if you recently suffered immense financial loss and why, if 30% or more of your monthly income is allocated towards tuition)

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**Essay (Required) (please attach):**

In approximately 250-300 words (typed, times new roman 12pt), please answer the following questions.

- 1) What Academic successes or struggles have you encountered in school thus far?
- 2) What do you believe is the most important tool to have in order to be academically successful?
- 3) What do you believe is the most important tool to have in order to be professionally successful?
- 4) What area of nursing are you interested in and why?
- 5) Are you currently working? If so how many hours per week? How are your time management skills?
- 6) How do you believe you will benefit from participating in the Pathways to Nursing Success Program?

- **What day(s), time(s) would you be avail for an in person or phone interview (approx. 1 hour)**

**Monday\_\_\_ Tuesday\_\_\_ Wednesday\_\_\_ Thursday\_\_\_ Friday\_\_\_**

**10am\_\_\_ 11am\_\_\_ 12pm\_\_\_ 1pm\_\_\_ 2pm\_\_\_ 3pm\_\_\_**

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**DECISIONS WILL BE MADE BY THE END OF NOVEMBER AND ACCEPTED STUDENTS  
WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND AN ORIENTATION IN DECEMBER 2017.**