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## **OU's School of Nursing to offer three new programs**

Rochester, Michigan, July 8, 2004 — Oakland University's School of Nursing is introducing three new programs to complement existing programs and meet the demand for highly sought-after nursing professionals.

The three programs include a RN/MSN Degree Completion, a Master of Science in Nursing Adult Acute Care Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS), and an accelerated second degree BSN. The RN/MSN Degree Completion and CNS programs will be available for the fall 2004 semester, and the Accelerated Second Degree program will be available starting spring 2005.

The RN/MSN Degree Completion is for diploma or ADN prepared registered nurses who wish to follow an accelerated plan of study for the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree.

The RN to MSN program includes transition courses that satisfy both undergraduate and graduate requirements and allow student to matriculate directly to graduate education. Many of the courses for these programs will be offered online.

"We understand our students lead busy, active, lives," said Pam Marin, assistant dean of student affairs for nursing. "We are offering flexible options for students to make it convenient for them to complete their degree while juggling jobs, family and homework."

The CNS program prepares the advanced practice nurse for the role of clinical nurse specialist in the acute care setting. The curriculum focuses on preparing advance practice nurses to apply nursing theory, principles of advance nursing practice and the research process in designing systems of care for adults in hospital-based settings.

The Accelerated Second Degree BSN program is designed for students who already have earned a baccalaureate degree in another discipline. The Second Degree to BSN program may be completed in three semesters, spanning one calendar year, after prerequisite and/or general education courses are completed.

For more information about the programs, visit the School of Nursing Web site at http://www2.oakland.edu/nursing or call (248) 370-4081.

## SUMMARY

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