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**MVC BOARD OF TRUSTEES VOTES TO BEGIN NURSING PROGRAM**

*Enrollment to begin immediately for the bachelor's of science in nursing degree.*

**Marshall, Mo.** (November 19, 2008)—The Missouri Valley College Board of Trustees recently voted to establish a School of Nursing and Health Sciences. A bachelor's of science in nursing degree program is slated to begin in Fall 2009. The application process for the program begins immediately.

"This is the culmination of three years of work by the allied health committee, which was led by Dr. Karla Bruntzel," said Dr. Bonnie Humphrey, MVC president. "It's an exciting and momentous decision by the Board of Trustees to put Missouri Valley in a very positive position. Implementing new academic programs at Missouri Valley creates great opportunities for not only the College, but for Marshall and surrounding communities as well."

The College is currently in the selection process for a nursing education program director.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, by the year 2020, the U.S. nursing shortage will grow to around 800,000. Nursing is also one of the occupations with the largest expected job growth from 2002 to 2012.

Currently Missouri is experiencing a 9.5% nursing shortage and this is expected to increase three-fold by 2020 following national trends. In rural areas of Missouri, the nursing shortages are as high as 17%.

"The Board of Trustees is very excited about the addition of a nursing program to Missouri Valley College's curriculum," said Gary Ford, chairman of the MVC Board of Trustees. "We feel this program will be filling a need as Marshall and the surrounding communities need qualified nurses."

For information about admissions requirements and the enrollment process, contact the MVC admissions office at (660) 831-4157 or [admissions@moval.edu](mailto:admissions@moval.edu).

**ABOUT MISSOURI VALLEY COLLEGE**

Missouri Valley College is a liberal arts college that provides educational, social and cultural experiences in a decidedly Christian environment. Established in 1889, MVC offers 28 majors, 7 pre-professional programs, associate degree programs, and certificate programs. The legendary Viking athletic program consists of 12 sports and 20 varsity teams. The liberal arts heritage focuses on scholarship, critical thinking and academic excellence to prepare students to become members of a responsible citizenry. For more information, call (660) 831-4000 or visit [www.moval.edu](http://www.moval.edu).

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