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COLLEGE OF MARIN MAKING NURSING PROGRAM MORE SELECTIVE

KENTFIELD, Calif., Dec. 14, 2005— Acceptance to College of Marin’s nursing program will be based on prospective students’ likelihood to succeed, according to a new policy approved by the College’s trustees last night. The new policy will replace the current random selection process for students entering in Fall, 2007.

Under the new policy, admission will be determined according to a prospective student’s score according to a formula developed by the California Community College Chancellor’s Office. The formula is designed to predict success in nursing programs.

“Basing admissions based on students’ likelihood of success will increase the number of qualified nurses we graduate,” explained Rosalind Hartmann, Director of Health Sciences at the College.

Interest in College of Marin’s nursing program has skyrocketed in the past few years. This Fall, 150 applicants vied for 36 slots. This high demand and the statewide nursing shortage prompted the College to look at ways to maximize the success of its nursing students.

The new admissions formula generates a score to determine eligibility. The score is based on a student’s overall college GPA in the last five years, (b) English GPA (English 120 and 150), core biology (anatomy, physiology, and microbiology) GPA, and (d) core biology course repetition. Course repetition is defined as repeating a course due to a previous grade of “D”, “F”, or “W”. The admissions formula was developed by the California Community College Chancellor’s office. In 2002, the Chancellor’s Office studied factors that would predict success in nursing programs. The study examined data from 20 California community colleges.

About College of Marin

College of Marin has been providing exceptional educational opportunities for students of all ages since 1926. Each semester, nearly 8,000 students are enrolled in over 1,100 credit classes. An additional 6,000 students take advantage of the College's many outstanding community education and community services classes. The College administration is located in Kentfield, CA. The College also operates the Indian Valley campus in Novato, CA.