

NEOSHO COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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I am writing this letter to report Neosho County Community College's (NCCC) intent to cease the admission of students to the nursing program at the Independence location. The Board of Directors at NCCC made the decision to close this option at their September 13th meeting.

Several factors went into the decision to close this site. The enrollment and retention numbers are steadily declining at this location. Mercy Hospital's closing in the fall of 2015 impacted the Independence location in that the program had to be relocated to the Independence Community College's (ICC) west location. Mercy's closing also represented a significant loss of clinical opportunities for NCCC nursing students in Independence. Last, but certainly not least, ICC administrators have voiced the intent to withdraw financial support of the nursing program at ICC and to begin charging NCCC for the space used by the nursing program. These factors combined make it no longer financially feasible for NCCC to admit students at the Independence location.

There will be no disruption of the nursing program for students currently admitted to the program in Independence. These students will progress through first level at Independence and move to second level at the Chanute campus as planned. We will not admit students at Independence going forward, beginning with the fall 2017 class.

With your permission, we would like to transfer the 24 seats allotted for the Independence site to the Ottawa campus. Please contact me with questions or concerns at pcovault@neosho.edu or (785) 248-2807.

Sincerely,



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