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## **JSRCC Nursing Program receives full accreditation for eight year maximum**

**RICHMOND, Va.** (December 17, 2008) – J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College’s Nursing Program recently received full accreditation from the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) for the maximum eight year period.

The National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) is nationally recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as the accrediting agency for postsecondary and higher degree nursing programs. The NLNAC accredits diploma, associate degree, baccalaureate and masters programs. Many universities will only accept advanced placement registered nurses (RN’s) if they have graduated from a nationally accredited program. In addition, most federal agencies will only employ RN’s that have graduated from a nationally accredited program.

“Our College is pleased to be recognized with the maximum accreditation approval,” said JSRCC President Gary L. Rhodes. “It says so much for the quality of the education offered at Reynolds, as well as the quality of care offered by nurses throughout the Richmond region – many of which received their degrees from Reynolds.”

In addition, the JSRCC Nursing Program also received full approval, for the eight year maximum, after a review by the Virginia State Board of Nursing.

*Serving over 18,000 students annually, J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College is the youngest and third largest of the 23 Community Colleges in Virginia. The College operates three campuses serving residents in the City of Richmond and the counties of Hanover, Henrico, Goochland, Louisa and Powhatan.*

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