Thank you for your interest in the Johnson County Community College RN Refresher Academy. This course was developed in response to the ever increasing need in our area for qualified and skilled nurses to work in the acute care environment.

The RN Refresher Academy course faculty and staff respect that participants have already completed a nursing program, passed the national certification examination for RNs, and practiced as an integral member of the health care team. It is not our intent to re-teach everything you learned in your nursing program, but rather to help bring that knowledge to the forefront and make it readily accessible for application in direct patient care. Additionally, we plan to help you become familiar with many of the safety, legal, and technological changes that may have occurred in health care since you last practiced.

The RN Refresher Academy course is delivered in two portions: the classroom/lab/simulation portion occurs first and is followed closely by the clinical portion. In the first portion of the course, you will be provided materials designed to help you review concepts in anatomy, pathophysiology, pharmacology, and nursing care. The classroom portion of the course requires that you come to campus for two days of class each week for a total of nine weeks. The dates for the Spring 2016 RN Refresher Academy are listed below. You will have the opportunity during these class days to practice and check off on a variety of psychomotor skills in the Health Resource Center. And, to allow you to apply key concepts to patient care, and to hone your critical thinking and communication skills, you will participate in specially developed patient care scenarios in the Health care Simulation Center (www.jccc.edu/healthcaresimulation). Upon successful completion of the first portion of the course, you will be ready to enter the clinical portion, during which you will provide care to patients at an acute care facility in the area alongside clinical faculty.

The dates for the RN Refresher Academy class offered in the upcoming semester are:

**Classroom/ Lab/ Simulation**
*Wednesdays, 0800 to 1400 and Thursdays, 0800 to 1600*
January 20, 21, 27, 28; February 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25; March 2, 3, 9, 10, 23, and 24, 2016

*Note: Spring Break is scheduled for March 14 – 18, 2016, during which time JCCC will be closed.*

**Clinical**
*Mondays, 0630 to 1930*
March 28; April 4, 11, 18, and 25, 2016

Along with this letter, please find and RN Refresher Academy Information Brochure and an Application Packet for the upcoming RN Refresher Academy course. Please read through all of the materials carefully. If you have questions, do not hesitate to contact me or Alan Kroll, Administrative Assistant, RN Refresher Academy, at (913) 469-8500, extension 4528 or at wkroll@jccc.edu. Again, thank you for your interest in the RN Refresher Academy course. Alan and I look forward to talking with you soon about your professional plans to reenter the rewarding arena of patient care.

Sincerely,

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