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Dear Interested Student:

You have expressed an interest in the most fascinating realm of the health sciences: professional nursing practice. Career opportunities for the baccalaureate prepared nurses are expanding each and every day. Nursing will continue to be a critical component in the health care system of tomorrow.

Baccalaureate education is the minimal preparation for the professional practice of nursing. After graduation with a Bachelor of Science degree and successful completion of the National Council Licensure Examination, you will be prepared to practice nursing in a variety of settings including hospitals, community health and mental health agencies, industrial health centers, nursing homes, family planning centers, and crisis care centers. Some of our graduates have entered the armed forces as commissioned officers or have served as missionary nurses, nurses with HOPE, Vista, or other humanitarian organizations.

Education makes the difference in your direct patient care, in your leadership management potential, and in the variety of opportunities open to you. Start your career with an educational foundation that will allow you to grow into your potential and pave the way for future graduate study. Bachelor's study in nursing prepares for a career in professional nursing practice. Master's study in nursing prepares you for advanced nursing practice as a clinical specialist or nurse practitioner.

At Eastern we have a progressive, innovative baccalaureate curriculum to guide you through the study of nursing science. The bachelor's and master's programs in nursing at ECU are fully accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education until 2011. Accreditation is one indicator of excellence in nursing education.

The Baccalaureate and Graduate Nursing faculty at Eastern are a dedicated group of nurse specialists whose primary commitment is to excellence in teaching. Small clinical groups and seminars provide one-on-one relationships with nurse faculty who want you to succeed.

If you want the opportunity to be autonomous, a decision maker, a leader, a change agent, a client advocate, and a professional practitioner, then baccalaureate nursing is for you. ECU will help you achieve these goals. Please feel free to contact me for further assistance.

Sincerely,

Dr. Judy Short, Chair  
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