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## **A Collaborative Partnership: Mount Carmel College of Nursing Extends Nursing Program to Wilmington College Students**

Columbus, Ohio...Mount Carmel College of Nursing (MCCN) and Wilmington College have entered into a collaborative agreement that will offer the MCCN nursing program to students at Wilmington College.

“As small, private institutions of higher learning with religious foundations, Wilmington and Mount Carmel already share a similar mission and philosophy,” says Ann Schiele, PhD, RN, President and Dean, MCCN. “Therefore, this agreement to provide nursing education to students is a natural extension of our mutual commitment to provide students with every opportunity to reach their personal and professional goals,” she adds.

Eight eligible Wilmington students will be accepted annually into the MCCN program. Students will take their general education classes at Wilmington, but will complete their final five semesters of nursing courses on the campus of MCCN. Those students who successfully complete the nursing requirements will be awarded a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree from MCCN.

“The interest in nursing education is significant among our students,” says Daniel DiBiasio, President, Wilmington College. “With the current shortage of nursing educators and nurses, it is advantageous for Wilmington to enter into this partnership from several standpoints, including the high caliber and reputation of Mount Carmel’s program.”

“This really is a win-win situation for both institutions,” Schiele asserts. “Each of our educational establishments has very high performance standards, recruiting students of the highest quality and character. The agreement benefits Wilmington College, because it’s a cost-effective way for them to offer a program in nursing; it benefits Mount Carmel because we know that Wilmington students recruited to this program will have not only proven their merit with Wilmington’s academically rigorous curriculum, but also will have demonstrated a desire for a career in nursing,” she adds.

MCCN and Wilmington are both private institutions of higher learning offering both undergraduate and graduate programs and each has been in existence for well over a century. Wilmington was founded in 1870, Mount Carmel in 1903.

“This agreement represents the very best in higher education,” says DiBiasio, “You have a collaboration between two great institutions working together to serve the healthcare needs of the community.”

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#### ABOUT MOUNT CARMEL COLLEGE OF NURSING

Mount Carmel is a specialized institution of higher education, offering the following programs: Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Master of Science in Adult Health, Nursing Administration and Nursing Education, Dietetic Internship, and an Online RN Refresher Course. Mount Carmel has one of the largest baccalaureate nursing programs in the State of Ohio and is affiliated with the Mount Carmel Health System. Founded in 1903 by the Sisters of the Holy Cross, the College is located at 127 South Davis Avenue in Columbus, on the campus of Mount Carmel West Hospital.

#### ABOUT WILMINGTON COLLEGE

Founded in 1870 by members of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), Wilmington College enrolls approximately 1,200 undergraduates on the Wilmington, Ohio campus, and an additional 500 students at five external program sites. The Wilmington campus, located approximately halfway between Columbus and Cincinnati, is an attractively landscaped 65 acres, which includes 21 buildings, of which eight are residence halls. Undergraduate majors are offered in 22 areas with additional graduate programs in education. Strongly grounded in its Quaker heritage, the College adheres to seven core values: community, diversity, excellence, integrity, peace and social justice, respect for all persons, and service and civic engagement.