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Monmouth College, Saint Francis Medical Center College of Nursing, OSF HealthCare announce new nursing program

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(May 9, 2024 | Monmouth, Illinois) – An exciting collaboration between Monmouth College, Saint Francis Medical Center College of Nursing and OSF HealthCare will bring a new nursing program to Monmouth, Illinois.

OSF HealthCare and Monmouth College have established the Monmouth College - OSF 3+1 nursing program. Upon approval of accrediting agencies, students will complete a degree from Monmouth College in either biology, biopsychology or health science and human movement in three years. In the fourth year, students will complete the Saint Francis Medical Center College of Nursing's one-year accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing, all on the Monmouth College campus.

"Monmouth College is proud and excited to work with OSF HealthCare and the Saint Francis Medical Center College of Nursing to establish this innovative 3+1 nursing education program," said Dr. Clarence R. Wyatt, President of Monmouth College. "Our collaboration puts Monmouth College and OSF HealthCare on the forefront of the sort of collaborations that higher education can and should pursue. By better serving the aspirations of our students and educating desperately needed health care professionals, Monmouth College, OSF HealthCare, and the Saint Francis Medical Center College of Nursing are contributing to the quality of life of communities throughout our region and state and will do so for many years to come."

Participants in the innovative program will experience the combination of an exceptional residential liberal arts and sciences college and a high-quality college of nursing.

This program brings together two of the region's strongest organizations to provide opportunities for students and to address the critical shortage of nurses.

Graduates of the Monmouth College-OSF nursing program will complete two degrees in four years and be ready to pursue their careers in health care and serve a vital need in the region.

To celebrate this occasion, Monmouth College and OSF HealthCare hosted a ceremony announcing the cooperative program on May 9 in the Mellinger Commons of the Center for Science and Business on the Monmouth College campus.

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