

**Sauk Valley Community College
June 15, 2026**

Action Item 4.3

Topic: Faculty Appointment – Nursing

College Health Metric: Academics – The College provides quality, contemporary, and relevant educational opportunities to the community

Presented By: Dr. Jon Mandrell

Presentation:

The administration has been in the process of hiring Nursing Faculty. The position was advertised on-line on Sauk Valley Community College’s website. The college received five applicants. Two candidates were invited for an on-campus interview. A committee was composed of Kimberly Cole, Megan Dempsey, Mary Beth Oswalt, and Jessica Wilkin. Serving as Chair was Pamela Eubanks, Dean of Health Professions.

Academic Background: Michelle Gillihan received her Bachelors of Science in Nursing from Lewis University and her Master of Science in Nursing Education from Aspen University.

Professional Background: Mrs. Gillihan has a long work history in the nursing field and has almost 40 years of experience. Currently Michelle is a Registered Nurse for FHN Memorial Hospital. Prior to that, she was a Registered Nurse for Signature Healthcare Hospital Emergency Department. Michelle was also a Registered Nurse for Santa Clara Valley Medical Center in Occupational Health. She has also worked as a Registered Nurse for Montefiore Albert Einstein Hospital, Kaiser Permanente, Ascension St. Joseph, OSF St. Paul Medical Center, and Swedish American Hospital

Recommendation:

The administration recommends the Board approve the appointment of Michelle Gillihan as Nursing Faculty beginning August 3, 2026 at an annual base salary of \$67,252.11.

MICHELLE GILLIHAN



January 28, 2026

I am writing to express my interest in a Full-Time Nursing Faculty position at Sauk Valley Community College for the 2026 Fall semester. With over three decades of experience as a Registered Nurse, and a passion for the nursing profession, I am excited to share my knowledge and skills with your institution, as well as continue my educational and professional growth participating in a new environment.

Throughout my nursing career, I have honed my critical thinking abilities, enabling me to address complex clinical situations effectively. My interpersonal skills have allowed me to build strong relationships with patients and co-workers alike, encouraging a collaborative environment. I believe these qualities are essential to foster empathy and professionalism in future nurses.

I understand that my resume directly speaks to the acute care setting. However, I have had diverse opportunities in the acute care setting that might align with the academic setting, leading in-services, creating and presenting educational programs, precepting novice nurses, participating in leadership councils, and developing and implementing policies and procedures in both my home-based emergency department and hospital.

I am excited about the opportunity to continue my career, or “calling” as I believe, in the academic setting. The thought of influencing the student nurse that may one day provide life-saving care to myself, or a loved one, offers an enriching full-circle moment.

Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Michelle Gillihan MSN RN

MICHELLE GILLIHAN

EXPERIENCE

12/2008 – FULL TIME UNTIL 11/2021 THEN PRN THROUGH PRESENT

MSN, REGISTERED NURSE, FREEPORT HEALTH NETWORK, FREEPORT, IL

- Emergency Department
- BLS, ACLS, PALS, TNCC, ECRN, NIHSS, CPI

08/13/24 THROUGH 11/09/24; 3/16/25 THROUGH 5/10/25; 8/17/25 THROUGH 11/22/25

MSN, REGISTERED NURSE, SIGNATURE HEALTH, BROCKTON, MA

- Emergency Department, Contract

03/31/24 THROUGH 04/05/24

MSN, REGISTERED NURSE, SANTA CLARA VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER, SAN JOSE, CA

- Occupational Health, Crisis Contract

02/21/24 THROUGH 03/29/24

MSN, REGISTERED NURSE, MONTEFIORE: EINSTEIN CAMPUS, BRONX, NY

- Emergency Department, Contract

10/04/2023 THROUGH 10/06/23

MSN, REGISTERED NURSE, KAISER PERMANENTE, SAN RAFAEL, CA

- Emergency Department, Crisis Contract

08/23/2023 THROUGH 08/26/23

MSN, REGISTERED NURSE, ASCENSION ST. JOSEPH, JOLIET IL

- Pain Clinic, Crisis Contract

12/2021-05/2023

BSN/MSN, REGISTERED NURSE, KAISER PERMANENTE, PANORAMA CITY, CA

- Multiple contracts in the Emergency Department (12-13-21 through 04-17-2022; 08-08-2022 through 11-06-2022; 1-01-23-2023 through 05-28-2023)

07/2003 – 09/2015 (FULL TIME UNTIL 2008 THEN PRN UNTIL 2015)

REGISTERED NURSE, OSF ST. PAUL MENDOTA, IL

- Emergency Department/Intensive Care Unit

1989-07/2003

REGISTERED NURSE, SWEDISH AMERICAN HOSPITAL, ROCKFORD, IL

- Emergency Department, Med-Surg, Ortho, Oncology, Tele, ICU Step-Down, Psych

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EDUCATION

JANUARY 2023

MSN—SPECIALIZATION IN NURSING EDUCATION, ASPEN UNIVERSITY, PHEONIX, AZ

- 4.0 GPA
- Delta Epsilon Tau Honor Society

MAY 2017

BSN, LEWIS UNIVERSITY, ROMEOVILLE, IL

- 4.0 GPA
- Academic Excellence Award
- Asked to speak at Nursing Ceremony
- Sigma Theta Tau

MAY 1986

ADN, ILLINOIS EASTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGES, FAIRFIELD, IL

SKILLS & SERVICES WHEN FULL TIME IN PRESENT PRACTICE

- Patient Centered/Patient Advocate
- Professional Development Council
- Lead for Emergency Nurses Week Celebration
- ED Patient Care Council
- Involved in Building, Instructing, and Maintaining Departmental EMR
- SPEC 4 in Clinical Ladder (Highest Level)
- Behavioral Health Committee
- Departmental Preceptor; Peer Interview Team

CHARTING SYSTEMS

- Epic
- Meditech and Expanse
- MedHost