

Greetings. I wanted to tell you some exciting news. The SVCC Nursing program, already approved to offer classes by the Illinois Board of Nursing, is seeking additional accreditation from the [Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing](#) (ACEN).

As mentioned on the ACEN [website](#), this additional accreditation can provide a multitude of benefits to our nursing program and our nursing students including, but not limited to, providing a mechanism for continuous improvement. For the last two years, the SVCC Nursing program faculty and administrative personnel have worked tirelessly to review the nursing program curriculum and to provide additional support structures to our nursing students in order to prepare for the ACEN accreditation visit coming up.

To be clear, in Illinois Nursing programs do not have to be accredited by an outside agency like ACEN, but must be approved by the Illinois Board of Nursing -- as Sauk already is. We are seeking accreditation as a way to improve our already strong program and to increase our already impressive graduation rates, nursing exam pass rates, and job placement rates. In other words, we aren't seeking ACEN accreditation out of need, but out of the desire to be the best Nursing program in Illinois.

On October 8-10, the ACEN Accreditation Review Team will be on our campus. You may have an opportunity to see and interact with the reviewers while they are here. Feel free to introduce yourself if time allows. We are very proud of our Nursing program, our graduates, and our current students. Thanks for helping make Sauk look so good.

Feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or speak directly with the Dean of Health Professions, [Christy Vincent](#).

Have a great day.

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