



The Merritt Connection

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Dr. Marie-Elaine Burns, Interim President

Way to Go, Merritt Nursing Program: Named No. 1 in California!

Congratulations to the Nursing Program at Merritt College which was recently ranked the No. 1 RN program in the state by registerednursing.org. The honor is based on the pass rates of the NCLEX-RN exam (National Council of Licensure Examination) which is the standardized exam that used to license professional nurses in the state.

Out of the 126 nursing schools in California, Merritt College was named No. 1 from the top 50 that were ranked. Merritt's program has had an average 99% NCLEX pass rate for the past several years.



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"This is a wonderful acknowledgement for our program," says Program Director Dawn Williams. "Our faculty is passionate about our students, the instruction we provide, and public safety. This honor is a testimony to the rigor and effectiveness of our program that our students are able to perform so well on their state board exams and will go on to successful careers contributing to the community."



Shortly after the announcement was made, a flood of emails were posted with congratulatory messages from all over campus, starting with Interim President Marie-Elaine Burns and including Counselor Etna Ross who summarized everyone's sentiments by writing, "I am daily impressed with the quality of the nursing program, the competencies of the people who are running it, and the department's commitment to continually maintaining high standards and diversity and producing outstanding nurses."

—Susan May