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Update

Berkshire Community College (BCC) has announced that its Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) program is in full compliance with the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing (MABORN) requirements and is restored to full approval. A site survey was completed by board designees in October 2019, during which board personnel reviewed documentation, met with students, faculty and staff, toured the facilities, and examined both current data and plans for future data collection. The college's Practical Nursing (PN) program also underwent a scheduled 10-year site visit last fall, which reviewed the certificate program. This program continues to be fully compliant with MABORN requirements. "We are very proud that our collective efforts and focus resulted in the full reinstatement of the ADN program," said BCC President Ellen Kennedy. "Berkshire Community College has been offering nursing education for over 50 years, and we will continue to provide high-quality nursing education that leads to employment and meets the needs of healthcare providers." Last April, BCC announced that it would voluntarily and temporarily suspend admission to the first year of its ADN program for fall 2019. Now that accreditation has been restored, the college will accept 56 students into the fall 2020 ADN program. "Starting again in fall 2020, we will offer the full two-year experience for our ADN students," said Lori Moon, interim dean of nursing at BCC. "The entire nursing department is excited and empowered to deliver high quality educational opportunities to help ensure the need for nurses in the area are met by our amazing nursing graduates."

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Fisher

Berkshire Community College (BCC) has announced the hiring of new faculty and staff members. **Melody Fisher** has been hired as assistant professor of psychology at the college. Previously, she taught at BCC as an adjunct for three years, and has taught in Boston. Recently Fisher worked at Hillcrest Educational Centers as a clinician and for Williams College running an after-school enrichment program for elementary school children. **Sarah Giasullo** has been hired as assistant professor of physical education. Previously, Giasullo was an adjunct faculty member at Springfield College and she is the founder of Think it, Do it Consulting. She currently is finishing her doctorate

degree in sport and exercise psychology. **Sarah Offenbach** has been hired as the interim coordinator of Career Planning & Placement for the college. Previously, she worked as the assistant director and career coach within the Office of Career and Professional Development at the University at Albany.



Giasullo



Offenbach

Elena Nuciforo has been hired as the director of Workforce Development: Health Care at the college. Previously, she taught public health and health communication as an adjunct professor at Tufts School of Medicine and at UMass School of Public Health and Health Sciences. Nuciforo also worked as a consultant for BCC in developing a Community Health Worker certificate program. **Adam Hughes** has joined the Education Department at BCC as the Early Childhood Education (ECE) grant mentor. Hughes, who comes to BCC from the Boston area, has taught in an early childhood classroom and coached early career educators. He will mentor members of the ECE cohort both on campus and in the community. **Shannon Mulligan** has been hired as the staff assistant in the Human Resources office. Previously, she worked at the Clark Art Institute in Williamstown.



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