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**MacEwan University creates new Faculty of Nursing**

Edmonton – In October 2015, The Board of Governors at MacEwan University approved the establishment of a new faculty, The Faculty of Nursing, which becomes the university’s sixth faculty/school. The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) is currently housed within the Faculty of Health and Community Studies. The change will become effective on July 1, 2016.

“MacEwan University’s nursing programs have been remarkably successful for many years, respected and admired in both the education and health care systems,” said Dr. John Corlett, provost and vice-president, Academic. “The time has come for us to provide an academic home with greater profile and autonomy as we move forward as a leader in Canadian nursing education. The new Faculty of Nursing is the right thing at the right time,” added Corlett.

The new faculty will be structured into two academic departments and two centres. The two academic departments include: The Department of Nursing Science and The Department of Psychiatric Nursing. The two centres include: The Centre for Professional Nursing Education and The Clinical Simulation Centre.

The current Faculty of Health and Community Studies and its associated programming will modify its internal structure, creating five academic departments, which will offer a total of 22 programs. Those departments are: Department of Allied Health and Human Performance; Department of Youth and Child Care; Department of Human Services and Early Learning; Department of Public Safety and Justice Services; and the School of Social Work.

MacEwan University began offering the four-year BSN in 2011. Since then 1176 students have graduated from the degree program.

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