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Framingham State University in partnership with the
Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators (MAVA)
is pleased to announce a new master's degree cohort:

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING Nursing Education Concentration

Information session:

**Tuesday, February 28, 2012
3:30 – 5:00pm**

Lecture Hall

**Assabet Valley Regional Technical High School
Marlborough, MA**

The Master of Science in Nursing is designed for graduates from Bachelor of Science in Nursing programs who wish to expand their careers into education. All courses are offered in hybrid format, combining online with traditional classroom experiences. The program prepares nurses with a strong theoretical foundation in research, nursing and related theories, health care policy, ethics, cultural competency, and informatics/technology as well as practice expertise as a nurse educator.

The cohort will begin during the Spring 2012 semester and participants are expected to graduate in May 2014.

To reserve a spot for the *Information Session* on February 28th, please contact Bob Packard, MAVA Extended Campus Coordinator: rpackard@jpkeefe.org

Questions and Answers

How do I enroll?

There are a limited number of spots available in this cohort. All potential MSN cohort students must first express their interest to Bob Packard, MAVA Extended Campus Coordinator: rpackard@jpkeefe.org. Bob will be the contact person for the program as we get started.

What are the admission requirements?

All prospective degree participants must file a formal application and all supporting documentation to Framingham State University by April 1, 2012. Materials can be submitted online or via US Mail. There is a non-refundable \$50.00 application fee. In order for an application to be considered complete, the applicant must fulfill the following requirements:

1. Applicants must have a current unrestricted Massachusetts RN license.
2. Applicants must have earned a baccalaureate of science degree in nursing (BSN) from a regionally accredited college or university which is nationally accredited by the National League for Nursing (NLNAC) and/or the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), and must submit an official transcript from each college or university attended as an undergraduate or graduate student.
3. Applicants are required to possess an overall undergraduate quality point average (QPA) of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, and a minimum of a 3.25 QPA in undergraduate nursing courses.
4. Applicants who do not meet the above criteria for undergraduate QPA may be asked to take the Miller Analogies Test
5. Applicants must have completed an undergraduate, introductory course in statistics with a minimum grade of C (2.0 on a 4.0 scale).
6. Applicants must have a personal interview with the Nursing Chairperson or Graduate Program Coordinator.
7. Applicants must provide two letters of recommendation from professors, supervisors, and/or colleagues, submitted on the Framingham State University Letter of Recommendation form and sent directly to the University by the recommender.
8. Applicants must submit a typed, 300-word personal statement discussing their motivation for seeking a master's degree in view of prior formal education, current job responsibilities and career plans.

Where will the classes be held?

All courses will be offered in hybrid format with 50% of the class held online and the remaining 50% in a traditional classroom setting. All traditional classes will be held at Assabet Valley Regional Technical High School, Marlborough, MA. Classes during the fall and spring semesters will be held on Saturdays and summer classes will be offered during the week to allow participants to have weekends free.

How much will each course cost?

Each course will be offered at a special discounted rate of \$700.00 and the recommended one-credit course offered during the Spring 2012 semester will cost \$120.00.

What is the course sequence?

All courses are four graduate credits except for the one-credit course offered in Spring 2012 which is recommend, but is not part of the degree program.

Proposed schedule:

Semester	Course
Spring 2012	NURS 701 Writing and Informational Literacy for Nurses (1 credit) <i>Recommended</i>
Summer 2012	NURC 915 Advanced Technology and Nursing Informatics
	NURE 941 Curriculum Design and Evaluation
Fall 2012	NURE 951 Course Development and Implementation
	NURC 905 Health and Education Resources and Policies
Spring 2013	NURE 981 Advanced Teaching Methods (Practicum I)
Summer 2013	NURC 925 Ethical, Social, and Cultural Competencies
	NURC 935 Essential Preparation for Advanced Nursing Role
Fall 2013	NURE 991 Application of Technology to Education (Practicum II)
Spring 2014	NURC 970 Nursing Theory and Research
Commencement	May 2014

As a Framingham State University graduate student, will I have access to resources at FSU?

Yes, cohort participants will have access to all services available to all FSU students including:

24/7 Blackboard Telephone Support (toll free: 1.866.361.8970)

Student Help Desk – assists with myFramingham login issues and other technology related topics (e-mail: shd@student.framingham.edu or tel: 508.215.5950)

One-on-One Program Advising

Henry Whittemore Library: Full service library including all online databases and articles. Librarian support available via IM, text, e-mail, telephone, Skype, in-person, and Blackboard Discussion Board forum "ask the librarian".

<http://www.framingham.edu/henry-whittemore-library>

FSU Athletic and Recreation Facility:

<http://www.fsurams.com/information/facility>

Campus Bookstore

Center for Academic Support and Advising (CASA): In person and online tutoring and writing support, workshops, seminar rooms and study areas.

<http://www.framingham.edu/casa>

All graduate commencement activities

What's next?

For more information, please contact Bob Packard to reserve a spot at the **Information Session** sponsored by **MAVA** on **Tuesday, February 28th** at **Assabet Valley Regional Technical High School** in Marlborough, MA. All aspects of the program will be presented and you will have the opportunity to speak with **Framingham State University** Advisor and Program Coordinator, Dr. Cynthia Bechtel.