



Cleveland State University

College of Education and Human Services

School of Nursing

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Dear Prospective Applicants for the Accelerated BSN Program:

We have recently completed an analysis of the performance of our accelerated BSN students. We found that the students who started the program in May did not do as well in classes or on the NCLEX as those who began in January. The students who started in May completed two compressed summer semesters, whereas the January students were required to complete only one. We believe that the two compressed semesters contributed to the performance issues some of these students experienced.

It is important to us to take what steps we can to ensure that all students succeed both in our program and on the NCLEX. By its very nature the program is quite intense, and we would like to relieve some of the pressure on you. To this end, we have eliminated the May/Summer start date for the accelerated BSN program, effective immediately. In order to continue to ensure as many applicants as possible the opportunity to pursue a nursing career, we have doubled the size of the class we will admit each January. Due to the additional work necessary to process the increased number of applications, the application deadline has changed to June 1 in order to allow sufficient time to reply to all applications in a timely way.

We realize that this change in our procedures may cause you to rethink some of your plans. We appreciate your understanding, and hope that you will still choose Cleveland State University's School of Nursing for your continued academic endeavors. The success of our students, both academically and professionally, is our first priority.

If you have any questions, please contact the Recruiter/Advisor Carol Ivan, at (216) 687-5517.

Sincerely,

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Director