



**The Erma Byrd Higher
Education Center & Allied
Health Wing:**

Meeting the Needs of the
Nursing and Nurse Educator
Shortage in West Virginia
and Across the Nation

Meeting the Need for Nurses and Nurse Educators



Bluefield State College



To meet the need for nurses and nurse educators in West Virginia and across the nation, the following programs can be completed at The Erma Byrd Higher Education Center & Allied Health Wing; and, online using The Erma Byrd Higher Education Center as a reliable internet access point for completing assignments, meeting one-on-one with faculty, and studying with other online students in group collaboration rooms.

Meeting the Need for Nurses: Bluefield State College

- *A.S. in Nursing
- *Accelerated LPN to RN
- *RN to BSN Program (fully online)

Meeting the Need for Nurse Administrators, Educators, and Practitioners: Marshall University

Master of Science in Nursing program
including the following five (5) areas of emphasis:

- *Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)
- *Nursing Administration (NA)
- *Nursing Education (NE)
- *Nursing Midwifery
- *Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Meeting the Need for Nurses



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Although we have two residential partners (both Bluefield State College and Marshall University) working to address the shortage of nurses and nurse educators, the remaining portion of this document focuses only on Bluefield State College nursing graduates as it takes advantage of a nursing student graduate celebratory event that was held at The Erma Byrd Higher Education Center on Wednesday, May 9, 2018, during which a few nursing graduates agreed to participate in the **Graduate Spotlight**.

We hope you enjoy reading the following pages.

Bluefield State College May 2018 Nursing Graduate Spotlight: Meet Allison Pack!



Where is your hometown? Beckley, WV

What did you like most about completing your degree at The Erma Byrd Center? Close to home and caring teachers.

What are your employment plans after graduation? I will be working at CAMC as a critical care nurse.

What advice do you have for future nursing students? Find yourself a good group of friends, and get comfortable with them because you will always be with them studying.

Bluefield State College May 2018 Nursing Graduate Spotlight: Meet Melissa Lester!



Where is your hometown? Hanover, WV

What did you like most about completing your degree at The Erma Byrd Center? My instructors were amazing! They made me want to be a better nurse!

What are your employment plans after graduation? Princeton Community Hospital and continue education for BSN

What advice do you have for future nursing students? Hang on, hold tight, and never give up!

Bluefield State College May 2018 Nursing Graduate Spotlight: Meet Brooke Walker!



Where is your hometown? Shady Spring, WV

What did you like most about completing your degree at The Erma Byrd Center? The Erma Byrd Center has allowed me to gain a higher education while remaining in my hometown.

What are your employment plans after graduation? Working as an Oncology RN at Princeton Community Hospital.

What advice do you have for future nursing students? Listen to every word of lectures. Study every single day. And, enjoy it! It goes by fast!

Bluefield State College May 2018 Nursing Graduate Spotlight: Meet Natoshia Darlington!



Where is your hometown? Beckley, WV

What did you like most about completing your degree at The Erma Byrd Center? Beautiful campus, close to home, and welcoming staff!

What are your employment plans after graduation? CAMC Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU)

What advice do you have for future nursing students? Don't give up! It's hard but rewarding!

Bluefield State College May 2018 Nursing Graduate Spotlight: Meet Danielle Bailey!



Where is your hometown? Princeton, WV

What did you like most about completing your degree at The Erma Byrd Center? Not applicable - attended the main campus

What are your employment plans after graduation? Work at Princeton Community Hospital in the Emergency Room (ER) as a RN.

What advice do you have for future nursing students? Study hard and don't get discouraged!

Bluefield State College May 2018 Nursing Graduate Spotlight: Meet Anna Brogan!



Where is your hometown? Princeton, WV

What did you like most about completing your degree at The Erma Byrd Center? I am so thankful to have obtained my degree close to home!

What are your employment plans after graduation? I will be working in the Emergency Room (ER) at Princeton Community Hospital; and, at the Greenbrier Clinic in Lewisburg, WV.

What advice do you have for future nursing students? **JUST DO IT!** You can conquer this, even when it feels like you can't!

The May 2018 Bluefield State College Nursing Graduating Class!



On May 12, 2018, Bluefield State College graduated a total of seventy-one (71) nursing students as follows:

**Thirty-four (34) from the Bluefield State College main campus located in Bluefield, WV

**Thirty-seven (37) from Bluefield State College at The Erma Byrd Higher Education Center & Allied Health Wing

Nursing is an art;
and if it is to be made an art,
it requires as exclusive a devotion,
as hard a preparation,
as any painter's or sculptor's work;

for what is the having to do with
dead canvas or cold marble,
compared with having to do with the
living body - the temple of God's spirit?

It is one of the Fine Arts;
I had almost said
the finest of the Fine Arts
~Florence Nightingale