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**MASSACHUSETTS BAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
RECEIVES FAVORABLE DECISION FROM BORN**

**Wellesley Hills, Mass.** – Massachusetts Bay Community College (MassBay) officials met with the state Board of Registration in Nursing (BORN) Wednesday for a final decision pertaining to MassBay's response to recent staffing recommendations from BORN with respect to the College's nursing programs.

As a result of that meeting, BORN has found that the Department of Nursing and MassBay have met the Board's directives by hiring qualified individuals for full-time faculty positions and developing appropriate orientation strategies to ensure the new faculty members are appropriately acclimated to the College and prepared to begin teaching classes in January 2008. Pursuant to this decision, an agreement between College administration, the Massachusetts Community College Council (MCCC), and the nursing faculty has been signed to approve hiring full-time faculty in the evening ADN and PN program options. As a result of meeting staffing directives set by BORN, MassBay will admit nursing students for the spring of 2008.

"The Department of Nursing holds a special place at MassBay," says President Carole Berotte Joseph. "It is one of the oldest and most highly-regarded nursing programs among all community colleges in Massachusetts, graduating some of the state's most outstanding nursing professionals who have gone on to admirably serve not only the people of the Commonwealth, but also the College they so proudly started from."

All of the hires have agreed to begin their employment in mid-December. New staff members include:

- Dean for Health Sciences: Dr. Jo Ann Mackey, Ed.D., R.N.
- Director for Nursing: Kimberly Crocker Crowther, MSN, R.N.
- ADN Faculty: Carole Ferguson, MSN, R.N.; Frances Sculley, MSN, R.N.; Gisela Perkins, MSN, R.N.; Stephanie Tinsley, MSN, R.N.

MassBay's prestigious nursing program enjoys relationships with over 120 healthcare facilities throughout the Commonwealth. As a community college, MassBay takes special pride in meeting the needs of the growing healthcare industry and providing educational opportunities for students who would otherwise be denied an education due to cost or life circumstances. MassBay is committed to providing quality education not only in its nursing programs but in all other professional and academic offerings.

About Massachusetts Bay Community College

*Massachusetts Bay Community College is an open-access, accredited two-year public educational institution. The College grants Associate Degrees and Certificates in a range of disciplines through its five Divisions of academics: the Division of Health Sciences, the Division of Humanities, the Division of Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (S.T.E.M.), the Division of Social Sciences & Professional Studies, and the Division of Transportation & Energy. Offering over 60 academic programs, MassBay serves Boston and the MetroWest communities with locations in Wellesley Hills, Framingham and Ashland (Automotive Technology Center).*

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