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Hondros College of Nursing to Open New Campus in Akron

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COLUMBUS, Ohio, Jan. 19, 2021 /PRNewswire/ -- To help address the current nursing shortage across Ohio and the U.S., [Hondros College](#) of Nursing (HCN) announced today its plan to open a new campus in Akron, Ohio. The first class of students will begin in the Practical Nursing (PN) Diploma program in April 2021 at the campus located at 755 White Pond Drive.

Both the state of Ohio and the nation are facing a nursing shortage that is expected to continue for at least the next eight years. The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that there will be over 175,000 registered nursing (RN) job openings each year through 2029. According to the Ohio Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation, RNs and licensed practical and vocational nurses (LPNs) are among the top 10 fields for anticipated job growth in Northeast Ohio, with a combined 12,182 openings as of January 11, 2021. According to [indeed.com](#), there are currently more than 1,400 RN and LPN job openings in Akron/Summit County, up more than 30 percent since July, 2020.

The new campus will enroll PN students from the Akron area and will be the seventh campus location for Hondros College of Nursing. The other campuses are located near Columbus, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Dayton and Toledo, Ohio, and Indianapolis, Indiana. In addition to the PN Diploma program, Hondros offers an Associate Degree in Nursing at five of its Ohio campuses, which leads to an RN license once a graduate passes the NCLEX exam.

"Danbury Senior Living is excited for the Akron campus of Hondros College of Nursing to open," said Jamie Weston-Cook, manager of recruiting and digital strategy for Danbury Senior Living. "We've been partnering with Hondros for some time now and the addition of the Akron campus will only strengthen that partnership. In a time when we need nurses now, more than ever, Hondros works diligently to provide well-educated and qualified nurses to the workforce. We can't wait to see how the addition of this new campus amplifies that contribution."

Hondros College of Nursing CEO Harry Wilkins also announced the appointment of Anthony Hibbs as the Regional Campus Executive Director for the Akron campus, along with the Cleveland campus,

where he currently serves as Campus Director.

"We are excited to be part of the Akron community and preparing nurses to meet the region's need in a time when healthcare workers in general, and nurses specifically, are playing a vital role in fighting the COVID-19 pandemic, says Wilkins. "By opening our seventh campus location, Hondros College of Nursing is expanding its ability to educate new nurses on the front lines and serve in these important roles in our healthcare system."

About Hondros College of Nursing

In addition to the new Akron, Ohio campus, Hondros College of Nursing educates students at five other Ohio campuses in Cincinnati/West Chester, Cleveland/Independence, Columbus/Westerville, Dayton/Fairborn and Toledo/Maumee, where students can earn a Practical Nursing Diploma and an Associate Degree in Nursing. The Hondros College of Nursing campus in Indianapolis offers the Practical Nursing Diploma program. Hondros College of Nursing is dedicated to its [mission](#) as well as the students, partners, and communities in which they serve. For additional information, please visit hondros.edu. For complete information about accreditation, please visit hondros.edu/accreditation. Hondros College of Nursing cannot guarantee employment or salary. Hondros College of Nursing is a subsidiary of American Public Education, Inc.

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