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Dear colleagues,

I am thrilled to announce that Fort Lewis College will be launching a new nursing program in partnership with the CU College of Nursing at Anschutz. This is a transformative moment for FLC, as we are taking a leadership role in serving our region's health care needs--and will do so in a way that is responsive to our community's hopes, values, and aspirations.

FLC and CU Nursing are united in feeling this is a truly meaningful partnership; we are designing a program that will shape new directions for rural, community-based, preventive care-focused, and patient-centered nursing. We are committed to diversifying the nursing profession, and we will be working to learn from our Native American communities on how to best incorporate Indigenous perspectives and understandings into the program. We are also creating a unique cross-state higher education partnership that brings together FLC's teaching expertise and CU's medical expertise. To capture this sense of true cooperation, we have named our program the CU Nursing Fort Lewis College Collaborative.

For more details, please read the [FLC press release here](#). And, look forward to more press coverage in *The Denver Post*!

We have also created a [FLC Undergraduate Nursing Program webpage](#) that answers questions and provides a contact form. The CU Nursing Fort Lewis College Collaborative will offer a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN), with all four years of the program being housed on the Fort Lewis campus. We will have our first entering class in 2023. We will be educating nurses dedicated to bringing health care resources to rural and underserved communities, and our curriculum, pedagogy, and training methods will reflect that goal.

There is much more to be developed and shaped--but the beginning is underway. As our program planning evolves, we will hold open info sessions to share our exciting progress. Join me in celebrating this exciting new chapter in Fort Lewis's history!

Best,  
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