

November 10, 2008

Dr. David Sam
President
Elgin Community College
1700 Spartan Drive
Elgin, IL 60123-7193

RE: Illinois Community College Board Grant

Dear Dr. Sam,

Provena Saint Joseph Hospital is in full support of Elgin Community College's application to the Illinois Community College Board Grant to meet the local need for bilingual certified nursing assistants in this region.

Provena Saint Joseph Hospital is a 193-bed, full-service hospital. It is part of Illinois-based Provena Health, an integrated Catholic health care delivery network that includes six hospitals, 16 long-term/residential facilities and more than 40 clinics in Illinois and Indiana. We support the expansion and broadening of the health career program at ECC, so the college can better serve the needs of the regional healthcare industry.

Pledged by Provena Saint Joseph Hospital as commitment to the ECC program and grant application are the following:

- Input for the curriculum and training approaches on the Healthcare Bridge for entering English as a Second Language and General Education Development students including identifying needed skills and competencies.
- Classroom space and Clinical sites for individual program training for the certified nursing assistant program.
- Contribute speakers to present within Healthcare Bridge courses.
- Participate in career development support for students (tours or internships for adults), Healthcare Fairs, and lunch with Dr./Nurses, etc.
- Promote the program to any individuals working within the hospitals who might have an interest in becoming a CNA.
- Where appropriate, hiring qualified training graduates.

The on-going collaboration between the Elgin Community and Provena Saint Joseph Hospital will assure that capacity meets the demands for health care professions in our community.

Sincerely,

Provena Saint Joseph Hospital