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Location Will be Site of Medical Degree Completion Program

Lindenwood University in St. Charles, Mo., has taken a critical step toward adding a new nursing program with the acquisition of the former location of Barat Academy in Dardenne Prairie Thursday, Sept. 27. The university plans to use the site as the base for a medical degree completion program it seeks to launch next year.

Dr. James D. Evans, president of Lindenwood University, said the university plans to launch a Bachelor of Science in Nursing completion program in the fall 2013 semester and hopes to have a four-year BSN program in place within two to three years of that. Occupational therapy assistant, physical therapy assistant, and emergency medical technician programs and others are also being considered conceptually.

“We are excited about the opportunity to give graduates of associate degree nursing programs the chance to earn a Bachelor of Science in such a beautiful building,” Evans said. “Increasingly, hospitals are requiring four-year degrees from nursing candidates. We will play a significant role in providing the necessary credentials for nursing candidates to succeed in a field that is expected to grow exponentially in the coming years as baby boomers age.”

The site consists of a 69,000-square-foot building on a 28-acre lot. It includes multiple classrooms, a gymnasium, and fully equipped chemistry labs. A dean for the university's new Nursing and Allied Health Sciences Program has also been hired. A specific announcement is forthcoming.

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