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**Bon Secours Southside
College of Health Sciences**

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**SOUTHSIDE COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES' ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN NURSING PROGRAM
RANKED #1 IN VIRGINIA BY NURSING SCHOOLS ALMANAC**

RICHMOND, Va. (December 14, 2021) — Southside College of Health Sciences (SCHS) is proud to announce that its associate degree in nursing (ADN) program has been ranked #1 in Virginia by Nursing Schools Almanac for 2021. According to its website, Nursing Schools Almanac's mission is to provide aspiring nurses a detailed, comprehensive, and analytical resource for selecting their future nursing school.

"It's an honor to have our nursing program recognized by Nursing Schools Almanac," said Campus Director and Dean of Academic Affairs for SCHS, Cynthia Swineford. "Our college is committed to providing the best education for our student nurses and our NCLEX-RN scores are a reflection of that dedication."

To provide the rankings, Nursing Schools Almanac collects an abundance of data from over 3,000 nursing schools and campuses nationwide. It then evaluates each institution on three critical dimensions: prestige and perceived value, breadth and depth of nursing programs offered, and student success on the NCLEX licensure exam. After measuring the all three dimensions, Nursing Schools Almanac weighs the assessments into one overall score.

Nursing Schools Almanac analyzed data from 2011 to 2020 when ranking SCHS for The Best Associate Degree in Nursing in Virginia category. SCHS had a 94.2% first-time NCLEX pass rate, being the highest first-time pass rate in Virginia in the category. Since 1895, Southside College of Health Sciences has had a rich history in providing quality health education that fosters individual learning and excellence in practice.

About Southside College of Health Sciences

Southside College of Health Sciences (SCHS) is the pre-licensure, pre-certification education component of Bon Secours Southside Medical Center, comprised of academic departments that include professional nursing and medical imaging technology. SCHS is a private, post-secondary institution with its primary purpose being that of providing health care educational programs to the *Tri-Cities*, consisting of Petersburg, *Colonial Heights*, and Hopewell in the Greater Richmond Region. SCHS is certified to operate in Virginia by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia and is institutionally accredited by the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools. Southside College of Health Sciences nursing program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing. SCHS is affiliated with Bon Secours Southside Medical Center, part of Bon Secours Mercy Health. For more information, visit schs.edu.

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