Dear Nurse Re-entry Candidate:

Thank you for your interest and inquiry into the Nurse Re-entry Program at Portland Community College’s Institute for Health Professionals (IHP). In an effort to make your admission into the program as simple as possible, we have included some useful information.

After you apply to our program we will notify the Oregon State Board of Nursing (OSBN) that you have applied. If you have not done so already, please submit your applications for licensure and for limited license to OSBN. The OSBN will notify you whether they have approved your application for a limited license. When you receive this letter from OSBN, please send a copy to the PCC Nurse Re-entry Program, along with a copy of your limited license. The PCC Re-entry Program must verify your limited license with the OSBN before you may be placed in a clinical practicum.

After you apply to our program you may register for and begin the coursework. Non-approval for limited license from the OSBN does not qualify for removal of PCC tuition charges.

The PCC Nurse Re-entry program consists of three required courses and a clinical practicum. Two of these courses are Internet/Web-based; the Clinical Skills Preparation Lab is on-site. All three courses must be successfully completed prior to beginning Nurse Re-entry Clinical. Please see course descriptions on our website at www.pcc.edu/renurse or in the Institute for Health Professionals’ brochure for more detail regarding the courses.

1. Pharmacology – Internet /Web based Course: 30 hours.

2. Nursing Theory – Internet /Web based Course: 90 hours

3. Clinical Preparation Skills Lab - On-site, skills lab: 8 hours.

4. Nurse Re-entry Clinical: 160 hours of supervised and preceptored clinical practicum. In the event that the student has not demonstrated an adequate level of critical thinking skills and use of the nursing process by the end of the 160 hour practicum, then as determined by the clinical coordinator additional practicum hours may be required.

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Students should plan on taking at least three 10-week terms to complete the entire Re-entry Program.

We have included information in this letter to assist you in understanding how the Nurse Re-entry process works. The PCC Nurse Re-entry Program must abide by the rules and regulations set forth by the Oregon State Board of Nursing. Many of our program requirements and documents are set up to meet the standards set forth by the OSBN.

It will be necessary for you to have successfully completed all coursework and the required documentation, and to have received your limited license before your Nurse Re-entry Clinical practicum. As the time for your clinical practicum nears, we will provide you with information regarding the documentation required prior to your practicum.

For your convenience we have listed our contact information below.

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Once again, welcome, and thank you for allowing Portland Community College to be part of your career experience. We feel confident that you will be pleased with your educational experience.

Sincerely,

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