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Dear Applicant

Congratulations on being selected for an offer in the Bachelor of Nursing by distance education at Charles Sturt University. The distance education mode of this course is extremely popular.

You will attend the NRS193 Discipline of Nursing 1: Contexts of Nursing residential school at the Bathurst campus from 15-19 February 2010 or at the Wagga Wagga campus if you are a member of the Moira Health Care Alliance or Greater Southern Area Health Service Partnership with the School of Nursing and Midwifery at Charles Sturt University on 15-19 February 2010.

As Undergraduate Courses Manager I am writing to you in order to extend a very warm welcome to the course, and I trust that this will be the beginning of a rewarding journey for you.

You will no doubt have many questions about the course. Some of these will have been answered in the course brochure, which you received from Charles Sturt University and/or information provided on the CSU website on application so that you felt confident, when applying, that this course is the right one for you. Nonetheless, you are probably bursting with further questions. Most of your questions will be settled at the first residential school.

For most of you this first residential school will be the *compulsory* five-day school attached to the subject *Discipline of Nursing 1: Contexts of Nursing (NRS193)* which will be held as indicated above. If you will not be enrolled in NRS193 because you have credit for it based on study completed at another university, it is highly recommended that you attend for the first day of the residential school. Attendance will provide you with an effective orientation to Charles Sturt University distance education support services and an opportunity to meet staff. All new distance education students who are *not* enrolled in NRS193 should contact the Course Coordinator in early March 2010 in any case, with this being especially important if you will not be attending on the first day of the NRS193 residential school as an orientation.

Your letter of offer details your recommended enrolment for the First Session 2010 and the school website also includes the **Residential School Program DE 2010** which provides details for all subjects currently on offer in the Bachelor of Nursing in the distance education mode. To read this program, first find on the left-hand side of the page the code of your recommended subjects and you will see the residential school dates to correspond with each of these on the right-hand side of the page. Please bring this chart to the NRS193 residential school with you where it will be explained more fully. Discussion will also occur about course progression at the residential school.

If you are an Enrolled or Division 2 (Registered Nurse) you must provide evidence of your registration with the NSW Nurses and Midwives Registration Board, the Nurses Board of Victoria or the State in which you are currently employed. This is a requirement of your enrolment in the course. If you have not already submitted this documentation please bring it to the residential school and hand it to me. Your credit will then be processed.

Most of your questions can be answered at the first residential school. Your main task is to get yourself to the residential school and to book accommodation for the duration of your stay. Please be sure to obtain information about the standard of the accommodation you choose on campus to avoid any disappointment upon arrival.

You might also like to have a look at the **Frequently Asked Questions** on the Student Services Support Central website <http://www.csu.edu.au/division/studserv/faq.htm> where there is information about study materials, assignments and residential schools.

No doubt you are feeling a mixture of excitement and anxiety at this new step in your life. I hope the residential school will inspire and harness your excitement and reduce any anxiety you might be experiencing. We look forward to meeting you in February 2010.

If you have any unanswered queries, do not hesitate to contact The School of Nursing & Midwifery on (02) 6338 4759.

If you require academic advice, please contact the BN Course Co-ordinator Lyn Croxon on (02) 6885 7325 or email lcroxon@csu.edu.au.

Yours sincerely



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