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**BON SECOURS MEMORIAL COLLEGE OF NURSING APPOINTS
DR. CHRIS-TENNA PERKINS AS NEW DEAN OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

RICHMOND, Va. (June 8, 2021)— Bon Secours Memorial College of Nursing (BSMCON) is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Chris-Tenna Perkins, RN as the new dean of academic affairs. Dr. Perkins is a long-standing member of the nursing faculty and leadership team at the College, serving as associate dean of academic affairs for the last seven years. She assumed the position on June 7 after the retirement of Dr. Barbara Sorbello, RN who served in that role since 2014.

“Dr. Perkins has demonstrated leadership experience with creation, implementation and evaluation of the BSN and RN-BSN curricula and has served as a curriculum consultant with external agencies,” said Vice President of Richmond Higher Education Institutions, Dr. Melanie Green. “Her expertise in curriculum development and evaluation, advanced practice nursing, population health, vulnerable populations, faculty development, program improvement and partnership science has been invaluable to the continuing evolution of the nursing programs at BSMCON.”

Joining the College in 2002, Perkins was instrumental in the growth and development of BSMCON’s mission and values as it transitioned from a diploma school to a baccalaureate institution. For nearly two decades, she has taught several courses on a variety of topics in the nursing field including Foundations, Health Assessment, Adult Medical Surgical Nursing and Nursing Research. She has actively been involved in the creation of Population and Global Health practica that includes service with Remote Area Medical and study abroad to Paris, France, where the Sisters of Bon Secours ministry originated.

With more than 20 years of experience as a registered nurse, Perkins is licensed as an adult nurse practitioner and certified nurse educator. She earned both her associate and bachelor’s degrees in nursing at Bluefield State College. Her master’s degree in nursing is from Virginia Commonwealth University and she completed a doctorate in nursing education from the University of Northern Colorado.

About Bon Secours Memorial College of Nursing

Bon Secours Memorial College of Nursing (BSMCON) is a faith-based college offering a traditional Bachelor of Science in nursing and an online RN to BSN degree for registered nurses who wish to earn a bachelor’s degree. BSMCON focuses on student-centered education, ensuring graduates are highly skilled and prepared for a career in nursing in the spirit of Bon Secours. The College 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. BSMCON is programmatically accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. BSMCON is affiliated with Memorial Regional Medical Center, part of Bon Secours Mercy Health. For more information, visit bsmcon.edu.

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