In 2008, Rochester College and Crittenton Hospital began an affiliation to help change the face of health care in our region. Patients require various degrees of medical attention, but they all need compassionate care. The Rochester College School of Nursing was created to produce graduates who practice from the model of relationship-based care. These graduates are role models for competent, compassionate, ethical, responsible and caring nursing practice — a light shining into the darkness of a patient’s world. This light takes time to nurture and support, but it is a worthy endeavor as the national nursing shortage continues.

According to the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth, Southeast Michigan is expected to offer about 1,220 job openings a year for registered nurses through 2016. Nationally, the number of jobs for registered nurses is expected to increase by 20 percent — to 3.2 million — by 2018.

The hallmarks of baccalaureate nursing education are leadership and quality care. The health care environment is ever changing, and nurses need to be able to adapt to those changes in ways that maintain patient care and dignity as priorities. In 2012 the college will grant degrees to the first students in the RN-to-BSN program. Nurses in this program are building upon their previously achieved nursing credentials and experience with a baccalaureate degree, preparing many of them for leadership positions that will enhance the quality of care for patients.

Entry-level nursing students benefit from a partnership between Rochester College and Crittenton Hospital. The teaching staff at Rochester College brings years of practical experience into the classroom as well as academic leadership in the field of nursing. Several have earned the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree. Student-nurses gain clinical experience under the careful supervision of medical professionals. Our partnership with Crittenton Hospital will result in 24 Rochester College nurses being added annually to the nursing profession beginning in 2014.

**ABI, A FIRST YEAR STUDENT FROM THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC:**
“The values that guide my life are those of Christianity. I believe that as a man of God, I am expected to follow higher standards that drive me to improve and better serve. Being a nurse will provide meaningful opportunities to reflect those values. In the spiritual ministration we provide, nurses show God’s love to others.”

**ASIA, ANOTHER FIRST YEAR NURSING STUDENT:**
“When I witnessed firsthand on a mission trip the way nurses served others, I knew I had found what I wanted to do. As a nurse, I will constantly have the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of people around me. I plan to use the skills and knowledge I gain through nursing to help those who are under-privileged, both abroad and here in the States.”
Nursing skill competence is an expected outcome in any nursing program, but in the RC School of Nursing, graduates will be expected to exhibit excellence in skills, interpersonal relationships, community service and leadership. Such qualities are reflective of Rochester College's mission as an institution.

The road to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the RC School of Nursing requires specialty equipment, capable students and trained professionals. You can help in the following ways:

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<td>Nursing students are required to have lab kits, uniforms and shoes, and special textbooks to enter the program — nearly $1,000 per student. Your gift of $1,000, $3,000 or $5,000 would be extremely helpful to these students.</td>
<td>Annual scholarships can help the college attract strong candidates for the program. Your annual gift of $3,000, $5,000 or $10,000 will help offset the cost of tuition. Each gift helps us educate beacons of light and hope.</td>
<td>Funding is needed for additional nursing staff to provide students with specialty training in obstetrics, pediatrics and psychiatric nursing. An annual gift will assist the college in adding the necessary building blocks on the foundation that has already been laid.</td>
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The nursing program at Rochester College helps fulfill the mission founders of this institution envisioned. We are graduating students who pursue academic excellence, principled character, servant leadership and global awareness. We endeavor to train these students to be outstanding in the level of care they provide. Please join us in our mission.