



Children's Mercy
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Dr. Kimberly Beatty
Chancellor
Metropolitan Community College
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Dear Chancellor Beatty,

Children's Mercy, Kansas City is pleased to support the proposal by Metropolitan Community College (MCC) and its partner community colleges for the development of a respiratory care program at the bachelor's degree level through the Missouri Department of Higher Education. The College's proposed expansion of its health professions workforce programs is a timely and practical way to address the critical shortage of healthcare professionals in the Kansas City metropolitan area.

Children's Mercy is recognized as one of the nation's top pediatric hospitals, according to U.S. News & World Report's 2020-2021 "Best Children's Hospitals" report. Being a leader in children's health means doing our part to make sure the Kansas City region is a healthy place to grow up. Children's Mercy engages in meaningful programs, opportunities, and partnerships that improve the lives of children beyond the walls of our hospital. These initiatives help support the hospital's mission and bring solutions to some of our community's most pressing health issues.

The Children's Mercy Respiratory Care staff actively works in all patient-care settings, including the Intensive care units, emergency department, and certain outpatient clinics. Services are provided 24 hours a day in all departments at both our Adele Hall and Kansas campuses. Respiratory therapists work closely with the Sections of Neonatology, Pulmonology and Critical Care Medicine, as well as provide routine care on the medical/surgical floors. As an employer of more than 8,500 healthcare professionals, we can attest to the dire need for qualified registered respiratory therapists.

Children's Mercy will actively support MCC in its endeavor by offering clinical rotations and other appropriate support.

We look forward to working with you in addressing our region's health sciences workforce pipeline issues.

Sincerely,

Paul Kempinski, MS, FACHE
President and Chief Executive Officer
Alice Berry, DDS, and Katharine Berry, MD Endowed Chair
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Executive Office

May 6, 2020

Kimberly Beauty, Ph.D.
Chancellor
Metropolitan Community College
1700 Broadway
Kansas City, MO 64111

Dear Dr. Beauty

Truman Medical Centers (TMC) is pleased to support Metropolitan Community College (MCC) and its partner community colleges, proposal for the development of respiratory care program at the bachelor's degree level through the Missouri Department of Higher Education. The College's proposed expansion of its health professions workforce programs is a timely and practical way to address the critical shortage of health care professionals in the Kansas City metropolitan area.

TMC is an essential hospital and academic medical center, delivering services to residents primarily in the greater Kansas City area. Serving the health care needs of urban, suburban and rural communities, TMC includes two hospitals and multiple health service organizations. Services include inpatient and outpatient care, primary care, community health and wellness, workplace health, home health, community mental health, rehabilitation and long-term care.

As an employer of more than 1,500 health care professionals, we can attest to the dire need for qualified registered respiratory therapists.

TMC will actively support MCC in this endeavor by offering clinical locations, offering internships, and interviewing qualified candidates who complete.

We look forward to working with you in addressing our region's health sciences workforce pipeline issues.

Sincerely,

Charlie Shields
Chief Executive Officer