

**RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION NO. 05-25/26**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY BILL 1400  
BACCALAUREATE DEGREE IN NURSING PILOT PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Riverside Community College District (RCCD) recognizes the urgent and growing need to expand access to baccalaureate-level nursing education to address California's healthcare workforce shortages;

**WHEREAS**, California is projected to face a shortage of 65,000 full-time nurses by 2037, with 60% of the population living in areas designated as nursing shortage regions, particularly in rural and underserved communities;

**WHEREAS**, AB 1400 establishes a pilot program authorizing up to ten California Community College districts to offer a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree specifying that priority for districts without a nationally accredited nursing program be given to those located in the Inland Empire and Central Valley, thereby increasing affordability and accessibility for students pursuing nursing careers;

**WHEREAS**, in 2024 the Inland Empire faced a demand for 44,751 Registered Nurses but supplied only 41,684, leaving a 6.9 percent gap in meeting the healthcare needs of the local community; RCCD has a strong history of excellence in nursing education and is committed to advancing educational opportunities that meet regional and statewide workforce needs;

**WHEREAS**, the pilot program is projected to significantly mitigate the regional workforce shortage by addressing the Inland Empire's anticipated demand for 46,080 Registered Nurses by 2035, with an expected supply of 74,598, thereby reducing the shortage by 61.9 percent;

**WHEREAS**, the cost of BSN programs at four-year institutions presents a significant barrier to many students, and AB 1400 would provide a more affordable and accessible pathway to a BSN through community colleges prioritizing students who have earned an associate degree in nursing from the same district, ensuring continuity and equity in educational advancement;

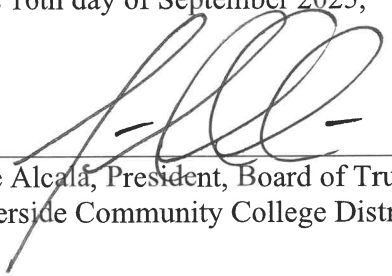
**WHEREAS**, California Community Colleges offer a high return on investment, with graduates nearly doubling their earnings within three years, and every \$1 invested yielding \$4.50 in taxpayer return, contributing significantly to the state's healthcare and economic infrastructure;

**WHEREAS**, AB 1400 supports Community Colleges in seeking national accreditation and provides a framework for evaluating the program's effectiveness through the Legislative Analyst's Office;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the RCCD hereby expresses its strong support for Assembly Bill 1400 and urges the California Legislature and Governor to enact this vital legislation;

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT,** RCCD commits to working with the State Chancellor's Office and other stakeholders to ensure successful implementation of the pilot program, should the district be selected.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED,** by the Board of Trustees of the Riverside Community College District this 16th day of September 2025,



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Jose Alcala, President, Board of Trustees  
Riverside Community College District