



**Friends of the Jerusalem College of Technology**

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## **Jerusalem College of Technology Establishes Nursing School**

### ***New Program to Alleviate Anticipated Nursing Shortage***

**Jerusalem, Israel, May 30, 2007** – Jerusalem College of Technology (JCT) has received the final approval of Israel's Council of Higher Education to open a nursing school and offer a Bachelor's in the Science of Nursing (BSN). Classes will begin in September 2007 and the new four-year program will be part of Machon Tal, JCT's Women's College.

The curriculum will include theoretical and practical studies in a variety of areas, including fundamental sciences, nursing sciences and clinical studies. Students in the new program will also be integrated with Machon Tal's Judaic Studies programs. Once completed, graduates will be qualified to practice nursing in Israel and will be eligible to continue on to advanced masters and doctoral studies.

The Council of Higher Education had approached JCT several years ago to serve as its partner in efforts to raise academic standards in the field of nursing. Under new Israel Ministry of Health guidelines, nurses are now required to obtain an academic bachelor's degree and the Council actively sought recognized academic institutions that would be interested in opening a nursing program.

The founding director of JCT's Nursing School is **Chaya Greenberger**, Ph.D., a recognized leader, academic, and master practitioner in the field of nursing. Dr. Greenberger is the current Director of the Israeli Ministry of Health's (Nursing Division) Accreditation & Licensing Department, a senior lecturer at Ben Gurion University, and the former director of Shaare Zedek Medical Center. Dr. Greenberger has been working with JCT over the past few years to develop the new program.

Several factors have been identified by academics within the Israeli nursing community regarding the forthcoming shortage including a lack of appropriate training programs, fluctuating immigration of qualified nurses, and an improving economy. Dr. Greenberger noted that “within a decade, a shortage of nurses is expected due to the aging of the population and the retirement of many nurses originally from Eastern Europe.”

“JCT is opening its nursing program at an opportune moment,” JCT President Professor Yosef Bodenheimer explained. “The program will help alleviate the upcoming shortage and, as it does with every field and profession it addresses, we hope and expect JCT to produce leaders in the field of nursing. These students will also have the unique added benefit of the integrated Jewish Studies curriculum at Machon Tal where they will learn and absorb critical Jewish values and ideas.”

Due to operate out of Machon Tal's facilities in the Givat Shaul section of Jerusalem, the nursing school will send students to hospitals in the capital, including the [Hadassah](#) University Medical Centers, Shaare Zedek Medical Center and the Kfar Shaul psychiatric hospital, for clinical training.

For more information about the program, please contact the Friends of JCT, New York office at (212) 563-5620 and [office@friendsofjct.org](mailto:office@friendsofjct.org).

### **About Jerusalem College of Technology (JCT)**

Founded in 1969, JCT has grown into one of Israel's major academic institutions of higher education, specializing in high-tech engineering, industrial management and life and health sciences. Currently, JCT is comprised of four schools - Machon Lev, Machon Tal, Machon Naveh and Machon Lustig. Based in the heart of Jerusalem, JCT has pioneered a unique approach in integrating a Jewish education with high level academics and has earned a unique position among engineering schools worldwide, preparing students for Israel's industrial and high-tech fields and turning out qualified professionals, well-trained in science and versed in Jewish heritage. As one of Israel's main accredited engineering schools recognized by Israel's Council of Higher Education, JCT graduates many of Israel's high tech engineers and most of its electro-optic engineers.

