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Ms. F. Nightingale
Hiring Manager
New York Presbyterian/Weill Cornell
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Dear Ms. Nightingale,

The moment I made the decision to become a nurse, my goal has been to become a member of the New York Presbyterian Nursing team. To be a successful nurse, one should be surrounded and encouraged by successful peers. I admire the emphasis that the New York Presbyterian team places on the growth and development of the nursing staff. By enhancing nursing education, skills, and teamwork, quality patient care is placed at the forefront of the healthcare team's focus.

Throughout my nursing experience at various institutions, including Maimonides and Richmond University Medical Center, I have enhanced my knowledge of medicine, my skills as a patient advocate, and my ability to function as a member of a healthcare team. I strive to attain the highest level of quality patient care by preserving dignity and treating patients with respect. The simple gestures of acknowledging the patient and his or her family in order to embrace family healing, or ensuring a curtain is pulled or a door is closed to protect a patient's privacy, help show the patient that he or she is your highest priority. I also make every effort to collaborate with other members of the healthcare team to ensure the patient is receiving the most thorough care possible. By being a team player and respecting fellow peers, this collaboration allows for the most comprehensive patient care.

I have many goals for the future of my nursing career, all of which New York Presbyterian can help me obtain. My first goal is to master the art of staff nursing. The UHC Nurse Residency program is the perfect way to build my foundation as a novice registered nurse, as well as help my transition from school to career. I aspire to be a critical care nurse. The expansion of the pediatric critical care units will provide me with the perfect opportunity to live my lifelong nursing dream of working in pediatric cardiac critical care. My ultimate nursing goal is to work in bedside clinical research. The Belfer Research Building at Weill Cornell Medical College will make my aspiration to work in clinical research trials a reality with its "bench-to-bedside" research.

Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to speaking with you to further discuss my qualifications and interest in becoming a member of the New York Presbyterian Nursing team.

Sincerely,
Margaret Houlihan