



### Programs offered

#### UNIVERSITY PARK AND HERSHEY

- + B.S.N. (University Park)
- + B.S.N. to Ph.D. in Nursing
- + B.S.N. to Ph.D. in Nursing
- + Ph.D. in Nursing
- + Dual-title Ph.D. in Nursing and Bioethics
- + Dual-title Ph.D. in Nursing and Clinical and Translational Sciences
- + Post-graduate Nurse Practitioner certificate

#### OTHER PENN STATE CAMPUSES

- + RN to B.S.N. (six residential campuses)
- + B.S.N. (six campuses)
- + Second Degree B.S.N. (two campuses)

#### WORLD CAMPUS/UNIVERSITY PARK (ONLINE)

- + RN to B.S.N.
- + M.S.N. (Nurse Educator and Nurse Administrator Options)
- + Doctor of Nursing Practice - Leadership
- + Doctor of Nursing Practice - Nurse Practitioner (options include Family/

*Individual across the Lifespan, Adult Gerontology Primary Care, Adult Gerontology Acute Care)*

- + Undergraduate certificates in Nursing Forensics, Nursing Informatics, and Nursing Management
- + Graduate certificates in Gerontology, Nurse Educator, Nurse Administrator, and Primary Palliative Care
- + Various continuing education opportunities

**1964**

Program established in the College of Health and Physical Education - 22 students admitted

**1968**

First two students received B.S. degrees in Nursing

**2013**

School of Nursing becomes the **College of Nursing**

**TOP 10**

Nationally ranked online program: Penn State World Campus



**Accreditation:** Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education B.S.N., M.S./M.S.N., D.N.P.

**ALL**

Full-time Ph.D. students are eligible for funding

### Degrees awarded

BACCALAUREATE **597**

MASTER'S **64**

DOCTORAL **17**

### Faculty Profile

- 16** Tenured and Tenure-track
- 5** Clinical track
- 7** Research
- 85** Teaching
- 2** Endowed professors
- 11** Fellows in the American Academy of Nursing

### Research Profile

**Over \$17 million** in research expenditures since the college's inception

**Over \$8 million** awarded for gerontology research

**Over \$4 million** awarded for the development of a sexual assault forensics training center (SAFE-T Center)

**Approx. \$1.5 million** awarded to support clinical and translational science

### Enrollment

**2,234** total enrollment

**2,001** students enrolled in a baccalaureate program

**1,290** students enrolled at a Commonwealth Campus

**657** students enrolled at University Park

**287** students enrolled in an online degree program

Based on fall 2020 official enrollment and includes pre-nursing students

# Our Students By The Numbers



**3.55-3.90**

MIDDLE 50% GPA UNIVERSITY PARK  
PENN STATE SUMMER/FALL 2020 ADMISSIONS

**3.07-3.60**

MIDDLE 50% GPA OTHER CAMPUSES  
PENN STATE SUMMER/FALL 2020 ADMISSIONS

**1240-1410**

Middle 50% SAT Statistics University Park  
Evidence-based Reading and Writing + Math  
Penn State Summer/Fall 2020 Admissions



**1080-1260**

Middle 50% SAT Statistics Other Campuses  
Evidence-based Reading and Writing + Math  
Penn State Summer/Fall 2020 Admissions



**93%**  
NCLEX PASS RATE  
FIRST-TIME TEST TAKERS (2019)

## Current Initiatives

### Community Health Needs Assessment Alignment

The College of Nursing is prioritizing the health of our community by strategically focusing our teaching, research, and service on the medical needs identified by the community through surveys conducted at local medical facilities.

### Center of Geriatric Nursing Excellence (CGNE)

The CGNE is a community of nurse educators, clinicians, and researchers whose leadership is actively improving health care for older adults in America.

**Rural Care Delivery** This program supports our mission of improving access to primary care by funding clinical experiences in rural and medically underserved areas for students in their final year of the Family Nurse Practitioner option.

**Nursing Research Network** The College of Nursing has received funding from the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute to develop networks for community-based nursing research throughout Pennsylvania.

**Person-Centered Care Collaboration** The program established by the College of Nursing and the Polisher Research Institute in North Wales, Pennsylvania, will expand on the college's current focus on research in aging and person-centered care — a model of elder care that seeks to improve quality of life by focusing on the patient's own lifestyle preferences.

**THON Medication Administration** Under the supervision of nursing faculty, B.S.N. students enrolled in NURS 306 (Nursing Care of Children and Adolescents) administer medications for the dancers in the IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon (THON) as part of their required clinical hours.

**Age-Friendly Care, PA** The College of Nursing is home to a collaborative for age- and dementia-friendly care called Age-Friendly Care, PA (AFCPA). AFCPA is a dedicated group of diverse professionals from different backgrounds working together to improve the lives of older adults in Pennsylvania, with special attention to older adults living in rural parts of our state.

**Two-Step Delirium Identification Tool** Supported by a grant from the National Institute on Aging, a four-year interprofessional project, "Researching Efficient Approaches to Delirium Identification," aims to improve the care of older adults by developing and testing a two-step bedside tool to detect delirium in hospitalized adults age 70 and older.

**SAFE-T Center** This project uses telemedicine technology to enhance access to sexual assault forensic exams in underserved populations. Through telemedicine (live-examination videoconferencing with high-resolution image display), the SAFE-T Center will improve the quality of services afforded to victims of assault in rural hospitals across Pennsylvania.

### Penn State Employee Health and Wellness Center

The University launched a center that will provide walk-in service for minor illnesses requiring short-term treatment through a partnership between Penn State Health and the College of Nursing.

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