The facts.

Programs offered

UNIVERSITY PARK AND HERSHEY
+ Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)
+ BSN to PhD in Nursing
+ PhD in Nursing
+ Dual-title PhD in Nursing and Bioethics
+ Dual-title PhD in Nursing and Clinical and Translational Sciences
+ Post-graduate Nurse Practitioner certificate

OTHER PENN STATE CAMPUSES
+ RN to BSN (six campuses)
+ BSN (seven campuses)
+ Second Degree BSN (two campuses)

WORLD CAMPUS (ONLINE)
+ RN to BSN
+ Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)
  (Nurse Educator and Nurse Administrator Options)
+ Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)
  (Gerontological Acute Care, Gerontological Primary Care, and Family/Individual Across the Lifespan)
+ 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 536

MASTER’S 54

DOCTORAL 12

Faculty Profile

20 Tenured and Tenure-track
3 Clinical track
9 Research
87 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

2,241 total enrollment
1,991 students enrolled in a baccalaureate program
1,291 students enrolled at a Commonwealth Campus
686 students enrolled at University Park
264 students enrolled in an online degree program

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Current Initiatives

Community Health Needs Assessment Alignment
The college 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.

The Tressa Nese and Helen Diskevich Center of Geriatric Nursing Excellence (CGNE)
is a community of nurse educators, clinicians, and researchers whose leadership is actively improving health care for older adults in America.

MINDSTRONG/MINDBODYSTRONG is a cognitive behavioral skills building (CBSB) program that provides a theory-based approach to improve mental health, healthy lifestyle beliefs and behaviors, and job satisfaction in clinicians.

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

Person-Centered Care Collaboration is a program that was established by the college and the Polisher Research Institute in North Wales, Pennsylvania. The program 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, BSN 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 is a collaborative for age- and dementia-friendly care that 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.

Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Telehealth (SAFE-T) Center
This project uses telehealth technology to enhance access to sexual assault forensic exams in underserved populations. Through live-examination videoconferencing with high-resolution image display, the SAFE-T Center improves the quality of services afforded to victims of assault in rural hospitals across Pennsylvania.

Our Students

By The Numbers

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

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

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