



**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)  
*(Leadership, Gerontological Acute Care Nurse Practitioner, Gerontological Primary Care Nurse Practitioner, Family/Individual Across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner, and Psych-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner)*
- + 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** by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education

**ALL**

Full-time PhD students are eligible for funding

**2021**

Through a transformational gift, the college is renamed the **Ross and Carol Nese College of Nursing**

**Degrees awarded**

BACCALAUREATE **518**

MASTER'S **60**

DOCTORAL **12**

data based on degrees conferred in summer 2021, fall 2021, and spring 2022

**Faculty Profile**

- 17** Tenured and Tenure-track
- 6** Clinical track
- 8** Research
- 94** Teaching
- 3** 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**

**2,012** total enrollment

**1,798** students enrolled in a baccalaureate program

**1,139** students enrolled at a Commonwealth Campus

**617** students enrolled at University Park

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

Based on fall 2022 official enrollment and includes pre-nursing students

# Highlights



**3.59 - 3.93**

HIGH SCHOOL GPA (UNWEIGHTED 4.0 SCALE)  
MIDDLE 50% GPA UNIVERSITY PARK PENN STATE  
SUMMER/FALL 2022

**3.12 - 3.78**

HIGH SCHOOL GPA (UNWEIGHTED 4.0 SCALE)  
MIDDLE 50% GPA OTHER CAMPUSES PENN STATE  
THAT DELIVER NURSING SUMMER/FALL 2021



**86%**

NCLEX PASS RATE  
FIRST-TIME TEST TAKERS  
(2022)



**700+**

PRE-EXISTING CLINICAL  
PARTNERSHIPS  
ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND GLOBE



**NLN Center of  
Excellence in  
Nursing Education**

Awarded in 2022 in recognition for creating environments that promote the pedagogical expertise of faculty

## Current Initiatives

### WE LEAD

WE LEAD uses experiential learning to develop, foster, and champion the leadership competencies of emerging and established nurse leaders, preparing them to build a culture of health around the world.

### 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.

**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) System

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, SAFE-T System improves the quality of services afforded to victims of assault in rural hospitals across Pennsylvania.

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