School of Nursing

Degrees Offered

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- Master of Science in Nursing
- Doctor of Nursing Practice
- Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing

Introduction

The mission of the WVU School of Nursing is to lead in improving health in West Virginia and broader society through excellence in student-centered educational programs, research and scholarship, the compassionate practice of nursing, and service to the public and the profession. This mission is responsive to changing healthcare needs and emerging national and state changes in technology and healthcare delivery and is enhanced by a supportive and open environment. The faculty’s educational effort is directed at providing high quality, student-centered programs of instruction at all levels which prepare superb professional nurses to meet basic healthcare needs; advance practiced nurses to address complex health needs; and enable doctorally educated nurses to advance nursing knowledge through research, to assist in the formulation of policies to improve health care, and to serve as faculty in higher degree programs. Unique characteristics of the state mandate that the healthcare needs of rural populations and vulnerable groups be a major focus of education, research, and service, including faculty practice.

The School of Nursing offers undergraduate, graduate, and post-master’s programs of study. The baccalaureate program (B.S.N.) is available for high school graduates who aspire to a career in nursing (basic students) and to registered nurses (RN) who are licensed graduates of associate degree or diploma nursing programs seeking to continue their career development. In addition, a B.S./B.A. to B.S.N. program is available for the college graduate seeking a B.S.N.

The master of science in nursing (M.S.N.) prepares graduates for advanced practice roles in rural primary health care. These roles include family nurse practitioner, pediatric nurse practitioner, neonatal nurse practitioner, geriatric nurse practitioner, women’s health nurse practitioner, and nursing leadership.

Post-graduate nurse practitioner certification programs in these role specialties are available for those who already have an M.S.N. The RN to M.S.N. program also has these role specialties available.

The doctor of nursing practice (DNP) prepares advanced practice nurses who will practice at the highest level of professional nursing and will advance the application of nursing knowledge for the purpose of improving healthcare for diverse populations.

The doctor of philosophy in nursing (Ph.D.) prepares nurse scholars/educators for roles in teaching, service, and research in nursing. The program prepares graduates who will continue unique nursing experience through the collaborative development of knowledge to improve health and quality of life.

Accreditation

Initial accreditation was received with graduation of the first class in 1964. The baccalaureate program in nursing is fully accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, a national accrediting agency.

Fees, Expenses, Housing, Transportation, and Immunization

Students enrolling at the Morgantown campus pay fees which are detailed at http://adm.wvu.edu/home/cost_of_attendance . Special fees and deposits are also required. Students enrolling at other sites pay the fees shown in the catalog for that site. Fees are subject to change without notice. Students’ expenses vary according to the course of study and individual needs. Information concerning financial assistance, application forms, and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form may be obtained from the financial aid website at http://www.hsc.wvu.edu/fin/ or by contacting the HSC Financial Aid Office, PO Box 6004, Morgantown, WV 26506-6004; telephone (304) 293-5242 (toll free) or 1-800-344-WVU1.

The University Housing and Residence Life Office, telephone (304) 293-4419, provides information concerning university-owned housing. The Student Life Office in E. Moore Hall, telephone (304) 293-5611, provides information concerning privately owned, off-campus housing.

Students are expected to provide their own transportation, equipment, and instruments for the clinical courses. Some clinical experiences require travel in a multi-county area.

Proof of specific immunizations is required for all health sciences students. Students in the master of science in nursing program must undergo a criminal background check prior to clinical courses. Felony convictions and serious misdemeanors may preclude participation in the clinical courses. This could, in turn, prevent the completion of course requirements and completion of the nursing program.
Scholarships

The School of Nursing offers several scholarships. These scholarships are administered by the Health Science Center Financial Aid Office and require completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form in order to be considered for financial aid. Most School of Nursing scholarships are available only to students already admitted to the School of Nursing and are awarded each April for the following academic year. However, there are a limited number of scholarships for which students may apply before admission. Further information is provided on the School of Nursing website: http://nursing.hsc.wvu.edu/Employment/Home/Scholarship-Opportunities.

Additional Information

Visit the School of Nursing website at http://www.hsc.wvu.edu/son. Call the WVU school of Nursing Office of Student Services at 1-866-WVUNURS or (304) 293-1386. Write to WVU School of Nursing at PO Box 9600, Morgantown, WV 26506-9600

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