PennState
Ross and Carol Nese College of Nursing

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

PENN STATE COMMONWEALTH CAMPUSES
+ RN to BSN *(two campuses)*
+ BSN *(six additional 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 **437**

MASTER'S **20**

DOCTORAL **19**

data based on degrees conferred in summer 2023, fall 2023, and spring 2024

Faculty Profile
- **19** Tenured and Tenure-track
- **4** Clinical track
- **9** Research
- **93** Teaching
- **2** Endowed professors
- **12** 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
1,909 total enrollment

1,748 students enrolled in a baccalaureate program

1,060 students enrolled at a Commonwealth Campus

585 students enrolled at University Park

264 students enrolled in an online degree program

Based on fall 2023 official enrollment and includes pre-nursing students

Highlights

3.65 - 3.94
HIGH SCHOOL GPA (UNWEIGHTED 4.0 SCALE)
MIDDLE 50% GPA UNIVERSITY PARK PENN STATE
SUMMER/FALL 2024

3.15 - 3.81
HIGH SCHOOL GPA (UNWEIGHTED 4.0 SCALE)
MIDDLE 50% GPA OTHER CAMPUSES PENN STATE
THAT DELIVER NURSING SUMMER/FALL 2024

97%
NCLEX PASS RATE
FIRST-TIME TEST TAKERS
(2023)

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.

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
This program 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.

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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