

# Nursing Department: B.S. in Nursing Second Bachelor's Degree

## PROGRAMS

The Department of Nursing offers the following degrees:

### UNDERGRADUATE

- Nursing (B.S.)

### GRADUATE

- Nursing (M.S.)

## About the Department

The Department of Nursing offers three tracks to a Bachelor of Science in nursing: one for traditional undergraduate students, a second for non-nursing college graduates and a third for registered nurses.

SU nursing graduates have the highest NCLEX-RN pass rate in Maryland for baccalaureate programs for the academic year 2007-2008. For the past two years, graduates of the second-bachelor's program posted a 100 percent pass rate on the RN licensing exam.

Our recent accreditation by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) for the maximum period is further validation of the quality of our curriculum, faculty and resources.

## About the Second Bachelor's Program

With nearly a 20-year history of success, the second-bachelor's degree program is designed for those with a degree in another field who wish to make a career change. This full-time program is three semesters in length—fall, spring, fall—with graduation in December. Students with a GPA of 3.0/4.0 or higher may continue in graduate study.

*“The SU nursing faculty don't just produce task-oriented nurses, they are masters at developing the critical thinkers of science with the art of compassion!”*

— Chris DiPasqua, RN; Class of 2007



At SU, there are countless opportunities for personal and professional growth including international study in places like Tanzania, Ecuador and China. The popular summer Nurse Extern work-study program pairs students with experienced registered nurses in area hospitals for a paid 10-week immersion in patient care while earning three credits through an online class at the University.

Students in SU nursing programs pride themselves on involvement, participating in a host of community service projects, on and off campus. Our Student Nurses Association has been nationally recognized for community service winning the prestigious Silver Cup Award in 2008.

Our faculty engage in research and clinical practice publishing their work in such prestigious journals as *Journal of Nursing Education* and *Nurse Educator*, and practicing at area hospitals and clinics. They also lend their expertise to national and regional health organizations and advisory boards.

## What's Special About SU Nursing? Close faculty supervision in clinical courses.

For all direct care experiences, clinical groups are typically no larger than eight students. This allows for personal attention and coaching while learning how to think like a nurse. Students also develop close friendships with classmates that last through their years at SU and beyond.

## Expert faculty who practice what they teach.

All classroom teachers also supervise clinical practice so what is taught in the classroom is readily applied and reinforced in a clinical setting bridging the gap between the “textbook” and the “real world.”

## Excellent clinical facilities.

SU has clinical affiliations at a variety of hospitals, clinics, health departments and mental health care facilities. Among the hospitals is an award-winning regional trauma center that recently received recognition as one of the “Most Wired Hospitals” in the U.S. where students use the latest in computerized medical records and charting.

## EMPLOYERS OF NOTE

- Students who have graduated from SU have built nursing careers at:
- National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD
  - Children's National Medical Center, Washington, D.C.
  - Johns Hopkins Medical Center, Baltimore, MD
  - University of Maryland Shock Trauma, Baltimore, MD
  - Peninsula Regional Medical Center, Salisbury, MD

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Students who have graduated from SU have built careers in:

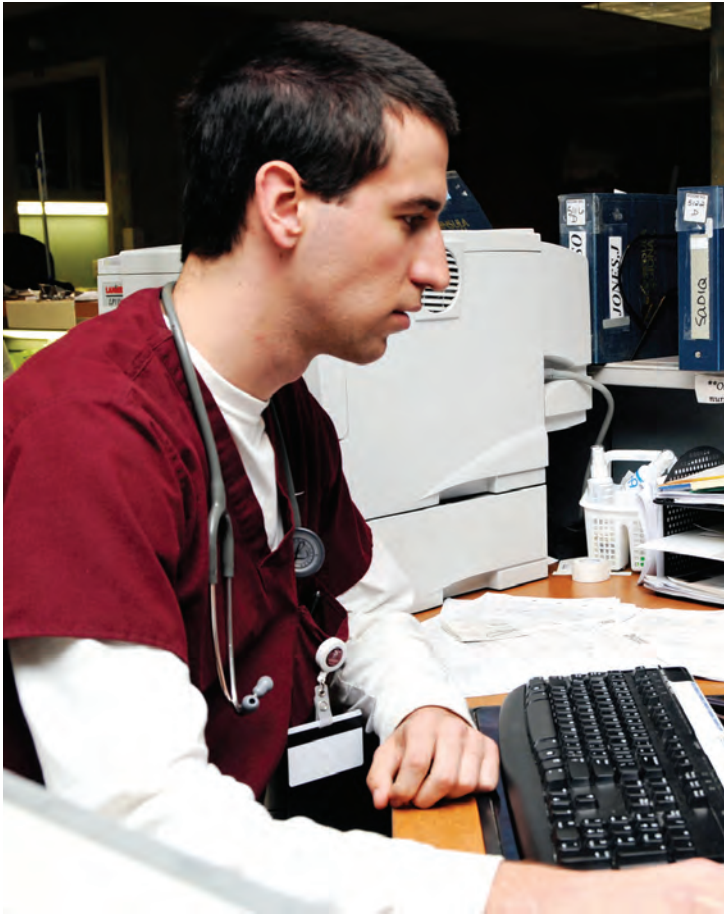
- Trauma and Critical Care
- Neonatal Intensive Care
- Primary Care as Nurse Practitioners
- Public Health
- Research Managing Clinical Trials
- Leadership and Management as Clinical managers and Directors of Nursing
- Peri-operative care as Nurse Anesthetists and RN First Assistants
- Education as Professors and Staff Development Instructors

## Career Options

Career options are endless as professional nursing is projected to have one of the largest number of new jobs according to the Occupational Outlook Handbook. There are opportunities for employment in hospitals, long-term care and rehabilitation centers, health departments, hospice and home care, and occupational health. Some of our nursing graduates are practicing in unusual areas such as law, international health, pharmaceutical sales even on cruise ships!

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