



## Health and Sciences Division

# Nursing with Columbia College of Nursing

There has never been a better time to pursue a career in nursing. Nationally, nursing is ranked as the third most recession-proof profession, even in a weakened economy.

Columbia College of Nursing and Mount Mary College, both located in the Milwaukee metropolitan area, offer an intercollegiate Bachelor of Science degree in nursing (BSN) as well as a BSN completion program. This collaborative, educational partnership offers the highest caliber of preparation for a nursing career, combining Columbia College of Nursing's long history of excellence in nursing education with Mount Mary College's highly respected liberal arts based education.

Within a liberal arts framework, nursing students integrate the latest in nursing education with dynamic and stimulating clinical experiences in a variety of clinical settings. This approach helps prepare the next generation of nurses to meet the ever-changing challenges of health care now and into the future.

Nursing students gain both the textbook and clinical knowledge necessary to be a successful nurse. They learn from faculty members with years of nursing experience in various clinical areas and who remain committed to students' personal and professional development.

Students are involved early and often in working with patients — to gain the experience, knowledge, confidence and skills needed to enter the nursing profession. As early as the first semester of their junior year, nursing students are involved in clinical experiences.

Students in the BSN completion program complete the Mount Mary College liberal arts core and nursing support courses through Mount Mary College and complete nursing courses and clinical experiences (a total of 60 credits) through Columbia College of Nursing.

Nursing support courses include:

- General Biology
- General Chemistry
- Organic and Biochemistry
- Anatomy and Physiology
- Microbiology
- Introduction to Sociology
- Introduction to Psychology
- Developmental Psychology

## Program Accreditation

The nursing program is approved by the Wisconsin State Board of Nursing and is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education and the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

The nursing program is also a member of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing.



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### Program Open to Both Men and Women

The undergraduate nursing program admits both men and women. From its inception, Mount Mary College has been a women's college. However, male students are welcome to enroll in Mount Mary's undergraduate nursing, post-baccalaureate certificate, and all graduate programs.

### Did You Know?

Nursing is the largest health care profession in the nation, with more than 2.9 million registered nurses (RNs).

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, overall job opportunities for registered nurses are expected to be excellent. Employment of RNs is expected to grow much faster than the average for all occupations through 2016 and, because the occupation is very large, many new jobs will result. Registered nurses are projected to generate 587,000 new jobs, among the largest number of new jobs for any occupation. Additionally, hundreds of thousands of job openings will result from the need to replace an aging nurse workforce, along with an increased demand for nurses to care for an aging population.

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## Laboratory Practice

Nursing students work in on-campus technologically advanced clinical nursing simulation centers which mirror a hospital room. The simulation rooms include computerized patient manikins, allowing small groups to run live simulations. All classroom laboratory sessions are kept small, with an average of 10 to 12 students and two faculty members per class. Faculty members remain up-to-date on the newest clinical procedures and many continue working within the nursing field.

## Clinical Experience

Students who are accepted into the major and maintain satisfactory academic progress receive guaranteed placement in a variety of clinical settings within Milwaukee's metropolitan area, such as:

- acute-care hospitals (including Milwaukee-area hospitals and hospital systems, including Columbia St. Mary's, Aurora Health Care, Community Memorial, Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, and Froedtert)
- El Centro de Salud, a nurse-managed health center within the United Community Center on Milwaukee's near south side. The site offers health screenings and exams, basic treatments, evaluations, and health information free of charge to the neighborhood's predominantly Hispanic population. While helping staff this unique center, Columbia-Mount Mary students are provided with a cultural immersion experience while focusing on illness prevention and health promotion.
- community health agencies
- clinics
- schools
- long-term care facilities
- home health agencies

## Licensure Examination

Upon completion of all degree requirements, the nursing graduate is eligible to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). A graduate must pass this examination to be licensed and practice as a registered nurse (RN). The NCLEX-RN pass rate for our graduates is consistently above 90%, one of the highest in the state of Wisconsin!



### More on the Web

Please visit [www.ccon.edu](http://www.ccon.edu) and [www.mtmary.edu/dept\\_nursing.htm](http://www.mtmary.edu/dept_nursing.htm) for additional information about the Columbia College of Nursing/Mount Mary College nursing program.

### About Mount Mary College

Discover what the more than 1,900 current Mount Mary graduate and undergraduate students already know. Mount Mary offers an engaging and transformational education. Here students explore and expand their hopes and dreams. We invite you to be one of them.

Mount Mary's residential campus is home to a diverse student body. Be a part of our gorgeous suburban campus, just 20 minutes from downtown Milwaukee.

For over 90 years Mount Mary College has been educating women in the Catholic tradition – we are committed to your success. Nearly 100% of our full-time undergraduate students receive a scholarship. Mount Mary is dedicated to making a college education affordable for you.

See how Mount Mary's strong academics, small class sizes, safe and vibrant campus, and student organizations and leadership opportunities will help you achieve your personal and career goals. Contact the Admission Office at 800-321-6265 or [mmc-admiss@mtmary.edu](mailto:mmc-admiss@mtmary.edu).

