NURSING

About the College
Laurie Badzek, Dean and Professor, College of Nursing

Penn State’s Nursing program began in 1964 to provide an academically-grounded, clinical training program for future nurses. Since then, the College of Nursing (CON) has steadily evolved to meet the demands of modern healthcare and provide diverse, hands-on clinical experiences, a well-rounded classroom curriculum and cutting-edge technology to today’s students. Through three unique Nursing degree programs - General Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) (https://www.nursing.psu.edu/general-bsn-degree-program/), Second Degree in Nursing (https://www.nursing.psu.edu/second-degree-program/) and R.N. to B.S.N. (https://www.nursing.psu.edu/rn-to-bsn-degree-program/) - Penn State provides opportunities for students to begin their journey into nursing or expand their nursing education in ways that fit their needs. Students in the CON have the rich benefits of the extensive Penn State system, while also connecting closely with colleagues, faculty and staff within our small college. Through the College’s commitment to improve the lives of others, our students are empowered to provide high-quality and compassionate healthcare to the people they serve.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE COLLEGE (https://www.nursing.psu.edu/)

Mission and Goals
The mission of the College of Nursing is to improve healthcare for all people in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the nation and the world through the development of qualified nurse leaders at all levels of practice, the development of nursing science, and the provision of nursing care to individuals, families and communities. This is accomplished through the integrated programs of nursing, education, research, scholarship and outreach.

Accreditation
The Bachelor of Science in Nursing Programs are approved by the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing and accredited by the:

Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)
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Washington, DC 20001
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http://www.aacnnursing.org/CCNE (http://www.aacnnursing.org/CCNE/)

Baccalaureate Degrees
• Nursing, B.S.N.
• Nursing, R.N. to B.S.N.

Certificates
• Nursing Forensics, Certificate
• Nursing Informatics, Certificate
• Nursing Management, Certificate
Student Nurses’ Association of Pennsylvania (SNAPS)
The Student Nurses’ Association at Penn State (SNAPS) chapter is open to all nursing students. Members take part in professional development, community service and social events such as Homecoming, THON, Relay for Life, career fairs, state and national conventions, workshops and numerous other activities throughout the year.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE STUDENT NURSES’ ASSOCIATION OF PENNSYLVANIA (SNAPS) (http://www.snap.psu.edu/)

Study Abroad
B.S.N. students in the General Nursing Option have the opportunity to study abroad. However, due to the sequential nature of the Nursing curriculum, students who wish to stay “on time” with their program may study abroad only during the summer or semester breaks, or within an embedded program of shorter duration. The College of Nursing offers embedded programs during the academic year for upper-level students. Other international experiences can be arranged through Global Penn State.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT STUDY ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES (https://www.nursing.psu.edu/study-abroad/)

Honors Programs

Schreyer Honors College
The Schreyer Honors College, regarded as one of the nation’s top programs of its kind, promotes achieving academic excellence with integrity, building a global perspective, and creating opportunities for leadership and civic engagement. Schreyer Scholars, including those admitted after their first or second year of enrollment, are a diverse and motivated group of approximately 2,000 students at University Park and 20 Commonwealth campuses. The College strives to educate students who will have an important and ethical influence in the world, to improve educational practice, and to continue to be recognized as a leading force in honors education nationwide.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SCHREYER HONORS COLLEGE (http://www.shc.psu.edu/)

Honors in the College of Nursing
Nursing students in the Schreyer Honors Program are expected to demonstrate excellent academic achievement with integrity, build a global perspective, and seek opportunities for leadership and civic engagement. In addition to completing B.S.N. program requirements, honors students engage in academic enrichment including honors courses, research placement and the completion of a thesis. College of Nursing students may pursue Schreyer Honors College (SHC) in one of two ways:

1. First-year applicants may apply to SHC (https://www.shc.psu.edu/admissions/apply/firstyear.cfm) at the time of application to the College of Nursing.
2. Current Nursing undergraduates may have the opportunity to seek entry to the SHC in the spring of sophomore year, through a process known as the Junior Gateway. Please be aware that this opportunity is contingent upon available space in the current Nursing Schreyer cohort.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT HONORS IN THE COLLEGE OF NURSING (https://www.nursing.psu.edu/student-life/)
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