

HIGHLIGHTS

For nearly 50 years the School of Nursing at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas has been educating nurses, improving patient care, and helping Nevadans lead healthier lives. We are shaping the future of the health care profession through research, innovative education, and community partnerships. We prepare hundreds of students to become registered nurses and remedy the shortage of skilled nursing professionals in our community.



POINTS OF PRIDE

- The graduate nursing programs at UNLV consistently score in the nation's top 25 percent, according to *U.S. News and World Reports*.
- UNLV's School of Nursing has adopted a three-semester-per year schedule, which speeds the transition of students into the working world.
- In a partnership with Summerlin Hospital Medical Center, UNLV is taking a creative approach to clinical nursing education by allowing students more quality time with bedside nurses as part of a Dedicated Education Unit, one of only 19 such programs in the country that promote such intensive mentorships.
- Nursing researchers at UNLV are studying the rates of medication errors made by internationally trained nurses and American-trained nurses to find ways to improve patient safety.
- UNLV graduated its first Doctor of Nursing Practice candidates in Spring 2012. The degree program, a collaboration between UNLV and the University of Nevada, Reno, was created to meet the pressing needs in Nevada's health care system and is offered to experienced nurses online.
- Two graduate nursing students, Brian Selig and Susan Adamek, have been named Jonas Nurse Leader Scholars and awarded \$10,000 each to complete their nursing doctorates. It's vital that more nurses earn doctorates so they can teach the next generation of nurses and nurse practitioners to meet the needs of Southern Nevadans.
- The Clinical Simulation Center, shared by local nursing and medical students and medical and surgical residents, features human simulation equipment, which includes mannequins that simulate patient symptoms, heart and lung sounds, and human responses. The center provides a safe learning environment for our students to practice providing patient care.
- Close to 100 percent of our B.S.N. graduates pass the RN National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) on their first attempt.



- Nursing professor Barbara St. Pierre Schneider received a \$2.26 million grant from the Air Force to study how air transport affects soldiers with crush injuries. She is looking for ways to better understand why high-altitude evacuations can create severe inflammatory problems so medics can devise better treatments.

COMMUNITY

- Nursing students volunteer thousands of hours each year to provide low-cost services to the underprivileged and to educate older adults about ways to prevent diabetes and maintain healthy lifestyles.
- In the last few years, UNLV has graduated more than 600 nurses to work in acute care hospitals and community agencies throughout Nevada.
- UNLV nursing and engineering researchers have offered safety training and fall prevention programs to the local construction workforce, particularly Latinos, who suffer disproportionately from workplace injury and death. The training was made possible through an Occupational Safety and Health Administration grant.
- The School of Nursing has developed a creative way to reduce turnover for newly hired nurses. The project, which was funded through a federal grant, established a residency program at some local hospitals that has dramatically increased the retention rate of new nurses, a significant accomplishment, especially since there is such a severe shortage of nurses in Nevada.
- As part of the undergraduate curriculum, nursing students learn about community health through hands-on internships in local nonprofits such as Opportunity Village, Nathan Adelson Hospice, Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation, Operation H.O.P.E., and the Salvation Army.

ALUMNI

The majority of our alumni stay in the area to serve our community and teach the art and science of nursing to the next generation of nurses and nurse practitioners. We have an active Nursing Alumni chapter.

School of Nursing Facts

Enrollment and Faculty

Pre-Nursing students:	750
Master's students:	85
Doctoral students:	
D.N.P.:	24
Ph.D.:	30
Full-time faculty:	32

Programs

Bachelor of Science in Nursing
 Master of Science in Nursing
 Family Nurse Practitioner
 Nurse Educator
 Doctor of Nursing Practice
 Nurse Practitioner
 Nurse Executive
 Ph.D. in Nursing

Degrees

Bachelor's, master's, and doctoral

Resources

Clinical Simulation Center of Las Vegas

UNLV