



Nursing

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Degrees offered:
Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Master of Nursing

Year established:
BSN - 1992
MN - 1996

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Faculty:
Professors3
Associate Professors5
Assistant Professors2
Lecturers2

Full-time resident quarterly tuition:
BSN\$2,244
MN\$3,492

The Nursing Program shares the University of Washington Tacoma mission to provide undergraduate and graduate education to residents of the South Puget Sound region. Nursing supports the interdisciplinary mission of the UW Tacoma campus through teaching and scholarly inquiry, focusing on the discovery and dissemination of knowledge that promotes health.

The curriculum emphasizes and fosters the integration of teaching, inquiry and service among a community of learners. Partnerships with the community assist in providing learning environments in which students build upon their skills and knowledge to strengthen their understanding of local, national and global health issues.

ACCREDITATION

Affiliated with the top-ranked University of Washington School of Nursing at the Seattle campus, UW Tacoma's Nursing program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

COURSES OF NURSING STUDY

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN to BSN)
- Master of Nursing with study options in:
 - Communities, Populations & Health
 - Leadership in Health Care
 - Nurse Educator
 - Independent Option
- ADN - BSN - MN Study Option

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Students in the BSN Program are registered nurses who have completed the initial phase of their education through an associate degree or diploma nursing program. As most students in the Nursing Program are employed in health-care settings, courses are scheduled to enable students to continue employment while enrolled in the program of study. A BSN from UW Tacoma enhances the graduate's ability to contribute to his or her community's institutions and to the health of citizens of Washington state, particularly during this period of rapid change in health care.

The BSN curriculum focuses on critical thinking, responses to health and human functioning, nursing therapies and person/environment interaction. An interdisciplinary emphasis encourages an understanding of a broad range of ideas, knowledge and methods of study.

MASTER OF NURSING

The Master of Nursing program prepares RNs for advanced clinical practice in acute, long-term care, ambulatory and community settings. The curriculum has a strong emphasis on mentoring, both in terms of fieldwork placements and with the faculty. The core coursework for all curriculum options includes research, health systems, health policy, leadership, diversity and social issues related to health.

The Nursing faculty believe graduate education denotes the critical appraisal of the concepts and theories that underlie the nature and practice of nursing and the extension of the processes of inquiry (problem solving, critical thinking and research) for the development and testing of knowledge. The faculty believe that the organization of graduate programs must recognize the diverse areas of specialized and advanced practice in nursing, must be guided by the current state of knowledge and societal needs, and must provide a foundation for the continuing evolution of new knowledge both in nursing and in other disciplines.

ENROLLMENT HISTORY* (PREVIOUS 10 YEARS)

	Undergraduate (BSN)		Graduate (MN)	
	FTE	Headcount	FTE	Headcount
1999	47.3	103	49.8	75
2000	43.6	113	41.9	73
2001	54.7	119	39.7	66
2002	47.4	103	40.6	71
2003	48.2	104	36.3	60
2004	47.0	104	39.3	68
2005	56.1	118	45.5	74
2006	49.4	125	43.4	77
2007	62.5	146	44.1	88
2008	59.9	138	51.7	98

DEGREES GRANTED BY YEAR* (PREVIOUS 10 YEARS)

	BSN		MN		
	FTE	Headcount	FTE	Headcount	
1999	57	18	2004	55	25
2000	51	19	2005	62	22
2001	56	24	2006	42	32
2002	67	24	2007	48	22
2003	59	24	2008	49	19

POSITIONS HELD RECENTLY OR CURRENTLY BY UW TACOMA NURSING STUDENTS OR GRADUATES

- Diabetes Educator, Providence St. Peter Hospital
- Program Manager, Washington State Aging and Disability Services Administration
- Clinical Educator, Clinical Information Systems, Swedish Medical Center
- Ph.D. students at University of North Carolina School of Nursing, University of Hawaii School of Nursing, University of Washington School of Nursing
- Washington State House of Representatives
- Program Director, Army Nurse Professional Development Branch
- Manager of Nursing Education, Multicare Health System
- Director of Clinical Services, Washington State Association of Community and Migrant Health
- Family Practice Nurse Manager, United States Air Force
- Washington State Community College Faculty
- Hospice Educator, Franciscan Health System
- High-Risk Perinatal Nurse Specialist, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department
- Head Nurse General Surgery Clinic, Madigan Army Medical Center
- Clinical Coordinator, Northwest Orthopaedic Institute

STUDENT STATISTICS

Mean age: 35 (undergraduate); 44 (graduate)

Male: 10% Female: 90%

Asian/Pacific Islander.....	13.9%
African American.....	7.2%
Hispanic.....	5.1%
Native American.....	0.8%

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

- Sigma Theta Tau
- Student Nurses Organization

AREAS OF FACULTY EXPERTISE

- Ambulatory care
- Chronic illness
- Community assessment
- Community health
- Community interventions with the underserved
- Competency assessment
- Construction of identity
- Death and dying
- Distance learning
- Domestic violence
- Emergency care
- End-of-life issues
- Family/child health
- Health and environment
- Health care delivery
- Health of adolescents
- Health policy
- Inequality and health
- Mixed-race older adults
- Patient education
- Provider-patient interaction
- Race, class and gender
- Responsibility for health
- Roy adaptation nursing theory
- Social aspects of health
- Use of race in health care
- Women as a population at risk
- Women's health

SOURCE OF FACULTY DOCTORATES

- University of California, Los Angeles
- University of California, San Diego
- University of California, San Francisco
- University of San Diego
- University of Texas
- University of Texas at Austin
- University of Washington

R.N. TO B.S.N.

The Nursing Program at UW Tacoma does not offer freshman or sophomore courses. Undergraduate nursing students transfer in as juniors, mostly from area community colleges. Applicants must have already completed an RN program and hold a state nursing license.

* The academic year for FTE runs from Summer through Spring while the academic year for degrees runs Autumn through Summer.