



THE SCHOOL OF NURSING

Nursing is considered by many to be the profession of the 21ST century. Today, nurses enjoy more responsibility and respect than ever before as they collaborate closely with other health care professionals and work in high-tech environments to improve the quality of health care for people throughout the world. It is the mission of the School of Nursing to extend the University's liberal arts tradition to prepare exceptional thinkers, compassionate professionals, and leaders for nursing and global health care.

Why Nursing at Illinois Wesleyan?

- Offers all applicants direct admission to the program as a first-year student.
- Provides a baccalaureate nursing degree within a liberal arts environment.
- Introduces nursing coursework and clinical experience beginning in the sophomore year.
- Allows the completion of a minor, including in Hispanic Studies, Human Services Management, or Health.
- Facilitates opportunities to conduct collaborative research with nursing faculty.
- Promotes development of an internship in a health care area of student interest.
- Encourages study abroad opportunities, including a semester in Barcelona, through the IWU Spain Program available to second semester sophomores.
- Specializes in undergraduate education with small class sizes.
- Develops critical thinking and decision-making skills which the nursing profession requires.
- Prepares practitioners to make important contributions to the vibrant, diverse field of nursing and health care.
- Allows student athletes to participate on athletic teams through coordination between coaching staff and nursing faculty and staff.

Putting Learning into Practice

- The School of Nursing Interventions Laboratory allows students to work with three full-time registered nurses, including a simulation expert and an advanced practice registered nurse plus state-of-the-art equipment in the Simulation Center.
- Nursing majors may pursue an internship in an area of their interest with both regional and major medical centers, such as OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria, Illinois, and the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.
- Two professional organizations with chapters on campus, Student Nurses' Association and Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, are available to eligible students.
- Students have multiple study abroad options with cultural immersion such as a full semester in Barcelona, Spain.



Courses Offered

Human Biology: Anatomy and Physiology I and II
Basic Chemistry
The Microbial World
Lifespan Developmental Psychology
Human Nutrition
Pathophysiology and Pharmacology I and II
Health Assessment and Professional Communication
Health Promotion and Risk Reduction
Adult Nursing I and II
Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing
Child and Adolescent Nursing
Research in Nursing Practice
Nursing in Complex Situations
Maternal and Newborn Nursing
Business Organization and Management
Nursing Leadership and Management in Health Care
Public Health Nursing

May Term Courses Related to Nursing

Transcultural Healthcare in Hawaii
Human Nutrition
Human Sexuality
Abuse in America
Palliative Care and Gerontology

Study Abroad Option

IWU Spain Program in Barcelona

Learning from a Quality Faculty

School of Nursing students receive close, personal attention from an experienced faculty with clinical expertise in many nursing specialties. Faculty members have completed doctoral studies at major universities and many are advanced practice nurses or work in other clinical settings. Our faculty and their research interests include:

- **Dr. Victoria N. Folse**, *Director and Professor of Nursing, APRN*
Ph.D. — Saint Louis University
Specializes in eating disorders, suicide risk, family functioning, instrument development, stress and trauma, and professional decision-making.
- **Lorenzo Begay**, *Visiting Assistant Professor, MSN-CNS/Ed, CCRN - California State University, Fresno.*
Specializes in critical care nursing with research interest in health disparities in Native American communities, creative teaching methods, biopharmaceuticals, and quantitative research.
- **Dr. Lydia A. Bertschi**, *Assistant Professor of Nursing, DNP, APRN— University of Illinois, Chicago*
Specializes in critical care nursing, with research interests in cardiovascular disease risk in Haiti and other low-resource settings.
- **Arleta deDianous**, *MSN, APRN - California State University, Long Beach.*
Specializes in pediatrics. Subspecialties include lactation consulting, and asthma & allergies.
- **Brenda Drury**, *Assistant Professor, MSN, RNC-MNN - Benedictine University.*
Specializes in mother-baby nursing with research interests in glucose management in neonates, hospital staff education, safe sleep practices birth to one year, mothers and newborns affected by opioids, evidence based practice.
- **Dr. Elaine Hardy**, *Assistant Professor, PhD, RN- University of Illinois, Chicago.*
Specializes in nursing education, with a research interest in diversity, community presence, health education, and social determinants of health
- **Dr. Monica E. Hall**, *Assistant Professor of Nursing, RN. Ph.D. — University of Illinois, Chicago*
Specializes in medical-surgical nursing with a focus on diabetes, specifically type 2 diabetes, type 2 diabetes in African Americans and type 2 diabetes in under-served populations.
- **Dr. Amanda F. Hopkins**, *Assistant Professor of Nursing, RN. Ph.D. — University of Illinois, Chicago*
Specializes in the study of providing culturally competent, family-centered care, underrepresented populations, pediatrics, qualitative analysis and research, and secondary analysis methodology.
- **Dr. Carolyn M. Jarvis**, *Adjunct Professor of Nursing, APRN. Ph.D. — University of Illinois, Chicago*
Specializes in health assessment, cardiovascular risk factors associated with alcohol and drug abuse, pathophysiology, pharmacology, and cervical cancer incidence and treatment in Guatemala.
- **Dr. Peggy Jacobs**, *Instructional Professor and Outcomes Coordinator, DNP, RNC-OB, CNM, APRN - University of Illinois, Chicago.*
Specializes in mother-baby nursing with research interests in lactation and new parent education.
- **Dr. Noël M. Kerr**, *Associate Professor of Nursing, RN., CMS, RN. Ph.D. — Rutgers University, New Jersey*
Specializes in medical-surgical nursing, nursing documentation, nursing informatics, clinical decision-making, critical thinking, and qualitative research and analysis.
- **Dr. Brenda S. Lessen Knoll**, *Associate Professor of Nursing, RN. Ph.D. — University of Illinois, Chicago*
Specializes in obstetrics, neonatal, the Premature Infant Oral Motor Intervention (PIOMI), qualitative/interventional/interdisciplinary research methods, and translation of research into practice, with a background in pediatrics and community health.
- **Stephanie L. Moore**, *Recruitment Coordinator, MSN, RN — Illinois State University*
Specializes in nursing leadership and management. Also has a background in cardiovascular care, critical care, and pediatric nursing.
- **Mitzi Runyard Timan**, *BA-DePaul University*
Coordinates clinical placements, clinical clearance, student retention events, and graduate licensure.



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