

## College of Nursing and Health



**Welcome to Madonna University's College of Nursing and Health. Our programs focus on health and well-being throughout life's cycle. The Nursing Department has bachelor's, master's and Doctor of Nursing Practice programs along with certificate offerings. The Hospice and Palliative Studies Department offers associate, bachelor's and master's programs along with certificate offerings. Each department's offerings challenge students to gain the knowledge and competence required to meet the needs of individuals, families and communities while working within healthcare systems. Our graduates are equipped to provide leadership in various aspects of health care.**

The Nursing program, founded in 1962, is [fully accredited](#) by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). This accreditation has been effective since 2006 and was accredited by the National League for Nursing (NLNAC) in prior years. We are preparing now for the fiftieth anniversary of the nursing program in 2012.

Madonna University has a proud history of preparing nurses at the undergraduate and graduate level, developing professionals who are highly regarded in the nursing field. The faculty prides itself in concern for students and those for whom we care. Curricula are developed based on current practice, competencies and national essentials and standards.

The Hospice and Palliative Studies program has enjoyed success since its inception in 1984. Providing education at the undergraduate and graduate level, it is the only university-based program of its kind in the nation. Hospice and Palliative care is an emerging field in health care, offering tremendous opportunities for hospice care delivery across the care continuum. Students receive individualized attention and an excellent education from well-qualified [faculty](#) committed to our philosophy of hospice and palliative care.

This is an exciting time in healthcare with technology, globalization, quality and safety at the forefront. To prepare tomorrow's graduates in nursing a new laboratory for simulated and practice experiences in nursing is scheduled to open in Winter Semester 2012. This exciting new addition will allow students to experience real world scenario in a simulated environment where computerized simulators can be programmed to have cardiac and respiratory changes or in the case of our new simulator Noelle, go into labor and birth a newborn.

The faculty in the College of Nursing and Health are dedicated to making a difference through educational experiences that incorporate a learning-centered environment committed to informed caring. Your success is our greatest achievement!

Sincerely,

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Dean of the College of Nursing and Health