

Madonna University

Graduate Studies at Madonna University

A Tradition of Service/ A Tradition of Quality

Madonna University is proud of its commitment to quality co-educational liberal arts education and its history of rendering public service through career education. Founded by the Felician Sisters in 1947, an outgrowth of Presentation Junior College (1937-1947), Madonna maintains its tradition as an independent Catholic college. The Madonna Graduate Studies Program can be viewed as an extension of the mission of the University:

“To instill in its students Christian humanistic values, intellectual inquiry, and commitment to serving others, through a liberal arts education integrated with career preparation, and based on the truths and principles recognized within a Catholic tradition.”

Academic Programs

The University's academic programs fulfill this mission, so that master's degree recipients from Madonna University will shape the direction of organizations not from the vantage of practicality and expediency alone but from a values perspective, a concern for the rights and dignity of others, and a sense of social responsibility.

The Madonna University nursing, education, hospice, health services, English, psychology, and business administration programs, the largest at the University, serve 4000 undergraduate and graduate students; these programs maintain a reputation for academic excellence and responsiveness to community needs. In 2000, the **nursing** department celebrated its thirty-eighth anniversary of preparing baccalaureate nurses. The program is known for its strong emphasis on community-based clinical preparation and its Christian humanistic orientation. The graduate nursing program prepares the professional nurse to assume a variety of advanced roles in nursing in such areas as nursing

administration, MSN/MSBA dual degree in nursing administration and business administration, and in the clinical specialty of adult health. Three graduate certificates are also offered, Nurse Educator and Nurse Entrepreneur, and Nurse Practitioner.

The **education** program, one of the oldest departments at the University, has a long history of preparing teachers for Michigan's schools. Over the years, the University has remained in the forefront of change, meeting and exceeding accreditation and State quality measures.

Since its inception in 1984 and as the nation's only known **hospice** education program, Madonna University offers a curriculum which enables hospice students to serve diverse client populations during the terminal phase of life focusing on the physical, psychological, social, emotional, and spiritual needs of the patient and family. The graduate hospice education program, which began in 1996, prepares students to become leaders, managers, researchers, and educators in the hospice setting while focusing on the principles on instilling Christian humanistic values, intellectual inquiry, and a commitment to serving others.

The **health services** program, which began in 1996, evolved from the Health Sciences and Health Administration programs that date back to 1947 and 1976 respectively. The Department of Biological and Health Science offers certificate, associate, and bachelor degree options. The MSHS graduate program combines course work designed to address issues in the prevention of illness, enhancement of the quality of life, promotion of health, and efficiency in delivery of health services.

The **business administration** program has a successful track record of developing marketable programs in

business specialties such as accounting, financial administration, management, marketing, computer information systems, and international business. Articulating with business in meaningful and innovative ways, the business program offers weekend workshops, on-site training programs, and continuing education courses that meet specific needs of the business community.

In line with the tradition and mission of Madonna University, the **clinical psychology** program is designed to provide career education for public service. In particular, students will be trained in the technical knowledge and clinical art needed to help children and adults suffering from mental disorders or requiring psychological services as a result of other distressing exigencies.

The **Master's in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages** program is designed to educate and train teachers to teach English as a second or foreign language. Building upon the expertise of faculty who teach English as a second language and linguistics, this program offers a curriculum that enables students to develop knowledge and skills to teach diverse groups of international students.

In the spring of 1982, Madonna University's charter with the Michigan Department of Education was approved to include graduate study, and it earned accreditation for the program through the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Graduate education was initiated at the University in the fall of 1982. International in scope, the University initiated an outreach program in Taiwan in 1989 and the People's Republic of China in 1997.

The Madonna University Campus

The wooded forty-nine acre campus of Madonna University is located in Livonia, Michigan, a suburb on the western perimeter of metropolitan Detroit. The campus faces Schoolcraft Road and the Jeffries (I-96) Freeway (Exit 173 at Levan or Newburgh Road), with easy access to downtown Detroit, the Detroit Metropolitan Airport, and important state highways.

The **two-story academic building** accommodates a variety of purposes from administrative offices to classrooms and laboratories. Special facilities include the TV Studio/Graphics facilities, where students and faculty work with media specialists to develop audiovisual materials for instruction or presentation. The **Children's Learning Center**, located in the Education wing, offers tutorial services to children in the community and serves as a practicum site for Madonna University education students. The Center for Research is also located in the academic building; here students can receive consultation on design, implementation, and analysis of their research projects.

The **Computer Laboratory**, also located in the academic building, provides services to all students and faculty. Graduate students will find software packages to supplement courses in the program as well as statistical packages and self-instructional packages in computer literacy, accounting, statistics, and many related fields. Madonna University has made computer literacy a priority in all its programs so that students learn computer applications in their fields.

The \$4.1 million **library** is the focal point for the academic life of the campus. Housing more than 105,000 books and other print and non-print materials, the library provides comfortable study and reading areas, in addition to group study and conference rooms. Equipped to meet the student's needs, the library has automated its services, representing the state of the art in library technology. The library expands its resources by subscribing to online retrieval services. It also

maintains membership in the Southeastern Michigan League of Libraries Infopass system, which entitles students to borrowing privileges at more than twenty participating university and public libraries. Additionally, books, abstracts, monographs, articles, research and technical reports, and policy manuals can be obtained through the Network-Locator Services of the Michigan Library Association. Through such consortia arrangements, students can take advantage of the extensive research resources in the Detroit-Ann Arbor area.

In 1991, the College of Nursing and Health moved to the **Angelo DiPonio Building**. In addition to the faculty offices, a conference room, and a number of classrooms, the DiPonio Building also houses the **Instruction Center**, comprised of the Helene Fuld Computer Assisted Instruction Center, and the Ray A. and Jean S. Shapero Nursing Instruction Center. The center includes a practice laboratory for clinical instruction. Instructional technology, including computer clinical simulations and interactive videos, utilized within the nursing and hospice education graduate programs are available in the center.

In 1995, the School of Business also moved across Levan Road to the **Maertens Building**. This facility provides state-of-the-art technology in its classrooms and offices.

All Madonna University buildings are barrier free for the physically handicapped. Closed captioned television, teletypewriters, and telephone boosters are available to hearing impaired students.