

DEPARTMENT OF NURSING

The mission of the Truman State University Department of Nursing is to offer an exemplary community-based baccalaureate nursing education grounded in the liberal arts and sciences to support and prepare caring nurse scholars to practice in a diverse and rapidly changing health care environment.

Faculty

- Nursing faculty members: Eight full-time and four part-time and two support staff members.
- Full-time faculty members hold a master's degree or higher.
- Faculty members are active teachers and collaborate with students in research, study abroad, and campus organizations.

Students

- Truman enrolls 50 Freshman directly into the Nursing Major each year. In addition to acceptance to Truman, applicants to the Nursing Major must be accepted by the Department of Nursing. A special application form is available online: <http://nursing.truman.edu/admission/admissionmain.asp>
- Nursing Student Association members are active on campus.
- Honor Society Chapter (Sigma Theta Tau International).
- Student-athletes (soccer, volleyball, football, swimming, etc.).

Curriculum

- Four year program (8 semesters)
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) degree.
- CCNE (Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education) Accreditation.
- Approved by the Missouri State Board of Nursing.
- Offers elective study abroad program in the Philippines (May/June).
- Most classes in the nursing major have 20–40 students.

Clinical sites

- Emphasis on community-based nursing practice.
- Adult and obstetric acute care at Northeast Regional Medical Center.
- Geriatric and mental health experience through local agencies.
- Pediatric experiences in community settings/school screenings.
- Many students complete intern/externship programs.

National Licensure Exam (NCLEX) Preparation

- Gradual introduction to NCLEX-style testing across courses.
- Nationally-normed exams in junior and senior years.
- Test remediation with faculty support in junior and senior years.
- Truman's RN (NCLEX) licensure annual passing rate: 2008-2011, 94%, 88%, 90%, 88%.

Preparation for Nursing Leadership

- Senior coursework in research and clinical leadership.
- Strong placement of graduates in advanced practice programs.
- Study abroad opportunity for international nursing.
- Alumni in advanced practice, research, policy, and education.

Facilities and Equipment

The **Nursing Simulation Center (NSC)** is located in the Health Sciences Building. The NSC connects to the theoretical framework of the caring model of Nursing. Within this context, nursing is the delivery of professional caring which involves therapeutic communication, assessment, planning, interventions, and evaluation of nursing care. Thus, the NSC is a training ground, a setting for study and reflection, as well as a gathering place for nursing students. In addition, it is here that students learn, practice and refine skills (verbal and motor) before they arrive in the clinical setting.

Post-Graduation

- **Employment Rates**, 2008-2011, 92%, 100%, 100%, 98%
- **Some of the recent employers**
 - Barnes Jewish Hospital, St. Louis, MO
 - Cardinal Glennon, St. Louis, MO
 - Children's Mercy Hospitals and Clinics, Kansas City, MO
 - Liberty Hospital, Liberty, MO
 - Mayo Clinics, Rochester, MN
 - Mercy Medical Center, St. Louis, MO
 - Missouri Baptist Medical Center, St. Louis, MO
 - Northeast Regional Medical Center, Kirksville, MO
 - St. Anthony's Medical Center, St. Louis, MO
 - St. Louis Childrens Hospital, St. Louis, MO
 - University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Iowa City, IA
 - University of Missouri Hospitals, Columbia, MO

Examples of Nursing Student Research

- *Census & Demographics Survey for Maisson de Naissance*
Maxine Brenner with GlobeMed
- *HPV Knowledge Among College Students*
Kaitlyn Friedly; Brenda Wheeler, Faculty Mentor
- *Study of Tuberculosis Treatments among International Students*
Heather Talpers & Jessica Wehner
- *The Perceptions of Clinicians & Parents in Regards to Family Presence During Pediatric Resuscitation*
Lauren Weise, Dr. Stephen C. Hadwiger, Faculty Mentor
- *Is There Anything Else You Would Like to Tell Us? Breast Cancer Survivors' Insights Following Treatment*
Jennifer L. Dine; Dr. Stephen C. Hadwiger and Dr. Jane M. Armer (University of Missouri-Columbia), Faculty Mentors
- *The Impact of an Interdisciplinary Educational Experience on Nursing Students*
Heather Rush; Brenda Wheeler, Faculty Mentor
- *Service Learning: The Secret Ingredient for Critical thinking and Community Engagement*
Emily Reinart, Rebekah Weicken; Dr. Teak Nelson, Faculty Mentor

Nursing Students Recent Study Abroad Experiences:

- Philippines
- South Africa
- Costa Rica
- and many other locations

Service Experiences:

- Hope's Kitchen
- Salvation Army
- Health Fairs
- Flu Shot Clinics
- SERVE Center
- Humane Society
- American Red Cross

