

Nursing

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The Hartwick Difference

Hartwick has more than 65 years of experience preparing nurses at the baccalaureate level. Students who complete our nursing major acquire more than scientific and technical competencies. The broad liberal arts and sciences education that complements Hartwick's professional nursing program provides students with the communication, critical thinking, decision-making, and leadership skills that the profession demands. The mission of the Department of Nursing is to educate a highly qualified, self-directed nurses who will competently function in the present and rapidly changing health-care system of the future. The graduate will possess the personal, intellectual, and social skills necessary to meet the challenges of an ever-changing and increasingly diverse world.

Three-Year Program

Ready to move faster? Get the full Hartwick nursing experience in three-quarters the time at three-quarters the cost. Students must apply and meet specific eligibility requirements for the three-year program in nursing. Learn more at www.hartwick.edu/threeyeardegree.

Entrance Requirements

In addition to the requirements for admission to Hartwick College, students interested in a major in nursing must submit SAT or ACT scores at the time of application.

Major Components

Hartwick's nursing curriculum, like the profession, is demanding. The professional nursing component is based upon a strong foundation in the arts and humanities, physical and life sciences, and the social and behavioral sciences.

Course Highlights

The basics: The nursing major begins with a foundation in the basic biological, natural, social, and behavioral sciences. In the first semester, students take their first course in the nursing sequence. Our Liberal Arts in Practice curriculum assures each student takes a wide variety of classes across multiple disciplines that complement the practice of nursing. **Strong clinical component:** Rural and urban clinical experiences in community and hospital-based settings are supervised by clinically competent faculty. In addition, workshops and service projects provide ample opportunities for nursing students to obtain practical experience.

Off-campus major course: Nursing offers a January Term immersion course in Transcultural Nursing in Jamaica, West Indies. Junior nursing students learn firsthand about Jamaican culture and the impact of culture, politics, economics, and globalization on healthcare and healing; working in the clinic and community side-by-side with local healthcare workers, they provide hands-on care to individuals and families. To assist them in understanding the people and culture of Jamaica, students attend cultural events, visit schools, hospitals, markets, and places of worship and local interest.

Senior January Term internship: Working hands-on with a baccalaureate-prepared RN preceptor, senior nursing majors explore an area of clinical practice. Students take on the role of full-time RN, working in that area of practice; students may choose any area of practice or type of setting throughout the U.S. and abroad.

Senior Thesis: For their senior theses, nursing majors analyze a topic relevant to the discipline and develop a research-utilization project that can be applied clinically. Recently explored topics include maternal-newborn attachment, professionalism in nursing, the psychological effects of an HIV diagnosis, domestic violence, farm injuries, childhood obesity, suicidal ideation, compassion fatigue, pain, and environmental interventions. Participating in a research project with professional nurses also may be an option.

Full online course catalog
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Licensure: Upon successful completion of the nursing program, students are qualified to take the computerized NCLEX-RN examination for licensure as a registered professional nurse (RN).

Hartwick College accreditation: The Department of Nursing is fully accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

Clinical affiliates: At-Home Care, Albany Medical Center, Bassett Medical Center, A.O. Fox Memorial Hospital and Nursing Home, St. Margaret's Hospital, Oneonta City Schools, Otsego Manor, Oneonta Housing Authority, Otsego County Mental Health Clinic, Catskill Area Hospice and Palliative Care, The Plains at Parish Homestead, and Mohawk Valley Psychiatric Center.

Options for Transfer Students

Accelerated summer option: This program is designed for the internal or external candidate with previous academic credits in another discipline. Students entering the program must have a GPA of 2.7 or higher and have completed all the prerequisite courses expected in the nursing curriculum with a grade of B- or better. Students take the first three courses in the nursing sequence in an accelerated format over the summer and enter the junior year of the nursing curriculum in the fall.

Accelerated baccalaureate option: This 18-month program is designed for local and regional adult students with a previous degree or significant academic credits in another discipline. Students entering the program must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 and have completed all of the liberal arts requirements of the College and all of the prerequisites in the nursing curriculum with a grade of B- or better. Courses are taught using a mix of online and face-to-face instruction. Classes and clinical/lab experiences are in the evenings and/or on the weekends.

The RN Mobility Program: This program is designed for the licensed RN to complete a bachelor of science degree. The Partnership for Nursing Opportunities, a specific RN Mobility program with Bassett Healthcare, provides opportunities for nurses to complete the requirements for the B.S. degree in two calendar years.

Beyond the Classroom

Need a change of scenery? Travel abroad during January Term can begin as early as a nursing major's first year of study. The programs, offered all over the world, enhance global understanding. In the junior and senior years, students have the opportunity to travel while taking nursing courses.

Student Professional Organization Membership: Nurse Students Without Borders, Hartwick Chapter; Hartwick College Association of Student Nurses; Nursing Honor Society International Sigma Theta Tau, Omicron Rho; A. Lindsay & Olive B. O'Connor Endowed Chair in Nursing provides for guest lectures and workshops.

Putting Nursing to Work

Hartwick's nursing students are well prepared for entry-level positions in any area of professional nursing practice. However, as leaders in the field, the majority of our nursing graduates pursue advanced degrees as nurse administrators, nurse anesthetists, clinical nurse specialists, nurse educators, nurse midwives, and nurse practitioners. Recent graduates of the Nursing Department have accepted positions at major medical centers, including Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, New York University Hospital, Albany Medical Center, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston's Children's Hospital, Strong Memorial Hospital, Duke University, Massachusetts General, Beth Israel Hospital of Boston, Mount Sinai, and at regional institutions such as Bassett Medical Center, A.O. Fox Memorial Hospital, At Home Care, Hospice, and Delaware County Public Health.

Faculty

Penny S. Boyer, Associate Professor; Ph.D., RN, CNE, Binghamton University, M.S., Russell Sage College. Areas of focus: adult medical-surgical nursing, obesity, nursing research, transcultural nursing, and portfolio assessment

Lisa Casler, Assistant Professor; MSN, NPP, Vanderbilt University. Areas of focus: psychiatric-mental health nursing, health assessment, and rural health

Jeanne-Marie Havener, Professor; Ph.D., APRN, CNS, FNP, Binghamton University. Areas of focus: maternal-child health, transcultural nursing, rural health, research, adult education, and organizational behavior

Peggy Jenkins, Professor; M.S., CCRN, CNE, Russell Sage College, CAS, University at Albany. Areas of focus: adult illness, critical care, healthcare ethics, and pharmacology

Cynthia Ploutz, Professor; M.S., APRN, FNP, Upstate Medical Center School of Nursing. Areas of focus: family health

Tina Sullivan, Associate Professor; Ph.D., APRN, FNP-BC, Binghamton University. Areas of focus: community health nursing, nursing management, rural health, farm health safety

Theresa Turick-Gibson, Professor, APRN-PNP; M.A., Columbia Teachers College. M.S. Syracuse University, PNP. Areas of focus: pediatric nursing, pathophysiology, school-based practice, professional practice trends and issues