University of Cincinnati
College of Nursing

Proudly Cincinnati
TOWER OF STRENGTH, ROCK OF TRUTH.
The Campaign for the University of Cincinnati

➤ BOLD  ➤ STRONG  ➤ AMBITIOUS
The University of Cincinnati College of Nursing was established in 1889 and was the first school to offer the baccalaureate degree in nursing. Over the next 119 years, the College established itself as a bold, forward-looking model for nursing education. During this time, the College has established itself as a leader in nursing education through a remarkable number of “Firsts.”

- 1918 – First school to grant academic credit to students for clinical work.
- 1919 – First school in the United States to offer the baccalaureate degree in nursing.
- 1942 – Charter member of the National League for Nursing. The college has maintained its accreditation without interruption ever since.
- 1947 – First college to receive funds to establish an endowed chair; the Jane E. Procter Chair of Advanced Nursing.
- 1956 – Among the first colleges to offer the Master of Science in Nursing degree.
- 1966 – First college to have two endowed chairs through the creation of the Jacob G. Schmidlapp Chair of Nursing supporting the dean’s position.
- 1990 – First college to house a center dedicated to nursing research; The Center for Nursing Research, a collaboration between the UC College of Nursing and University Hospital, was established in 1990. Due to phenomenal productivity the center was officially named the Institute for Nursing Research in 1995.
- 1993 – Among the first to offer an Accelerated Pathway program which allows non-nursing degree holders to quickly become an RN and earn the MSN degree.
- 2002 – First and only college to offer a Nursing Co-Op program.
- 2002 – First program dedicated solely to promoting dignity, well-being, and health for the aging and chronically ill was established; The Center for Aging with Dignity.
- 2004 – The first Center for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (novice to expert educators).
STRONG RECORD OF SUCCESS

Building on our bold beginnings, the UC College of Nursing is an established leader in “active” learning. Our students are actively engaged in clinical learning and education throughout the entire educational process.

Nursing Co-Op Program

- A highly competitive, one of a kind program for outstanding BSN students who are committed to excellence.
- Experienced RN clinical preceptors provide one-on-one mentoring that equips new nursing graduates with the knowledge and skills necessary to function more independently in a clinical setting.
- Students establish professional contacts and earn a substantial wage through their participation.

Established collaboratively with University Hospital in 2002 with eight students participating; the program is now offered at two additional clinical sites with over 60 students enrolled. The Co-Op program is offered exclusively to UC College of Nursing students.

International Nursing Experience

- UC Nursing seniors have the opportunity to travel to sites in Honduras, Tanzania or Mexico City and fulfill some of their clinical requirements.
- Participants spend two weeks working in rural clinics and schools treating and educating the local population, many of whom are indigent and suffer from malnutrition.
- Program has grown from a yearly trip to Honduras with six students to multiple trips annually involving 15 or more students.

- Students work as a part of a multi-disciplinary team consisting of medical students, residents, physicians, dentists and other healthcare professionals.

Center for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL)

- The Center was established in 2004 and is the only one of its kind.
- The innovative educational experience SoTL provides has led to over $2 million in grant funding.
- The Center focuses on continuing education for nursing faculty and is helping to alleviate the critical national nursing faculty shortage.

- A collaboration of 10 area schools of nursing; linking novice through expert educators in a community of scholars.

- UC College of Nursing hosts the annual SoTL International Conference which brings nursing educators from around the world to our campus.
Over the last 119 years, the UC College of Nursing has set the standard for innovative, active learning. As health care changes, so does nursing education. The UC College of Nursing continues its commitment to being on the forefront of this changing landscape.

**AMBITIOUS GOALS FOR THE FUTURE**

Creation of the Center for Innovation and Excellence in Nursing Education

- Expand our already strong clinical skills laboratory into a “Smart Hospital” with significantly improved simulated lab space plus the addition of a student “Collaboratory” study space.

- Create infrastructure necessary to support the most technologically advanced training equipment for our future nursing professionals.

- Permanently endow the “Smart Hospital” to allow for the purchase and ongoing maintenance of the most technologically advanced “active” learning equipment and enhance appropriate faculty expertise to maintain the state of the art facility.

- Include our Center for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) thereby encompassing education and innovation from student through veteran faculty members.

Expansion of the Center for Aging with Dignity

- Establish the Center as the expert resource for innovation and collaboration addressing the safety of community dwelling older adults specific to cognitive changes and impairments, mobility issues and elder abuse.

- Increase the development and implementation of best-practice programs to enhance personal and professional responsibility to optimize older adults’ dignity, well-being and health.

- Expand the availability and utilization of knowledge resources by front-line staff in health care organizations that address age-related patient safety concerns and regulatory standards, and that enhance attitudes and skills.
Expansion of the Institute for Nursing Research

- Research funding is critical to increasing the national ranking of colleges of nursing. The annual national ranking of colleges of nursing in U.S. News and World Report is partially based on the amount of research funding a school receives.

- An endowed chair in research provides a base of strength from which to lead. It will significantly raise the profile of the UC College of Nursing by providing permanent funds for our faculty to increase their research efforts in important areas such as workplace violence and alcoholism.

- An endowed chair will increase the prominence of the Associate Dean for Research’s position and ability to recruit top-notch talent along with providing the college with a research identity nationally.

- Research funds provided through an endowed chair foster an ongoing focus on research to improve and impact nursing education strategies.

Dramatically Increase Scholarship Support

- The UC College of Nursing is committed to educating the next generation of nurse practitioners and nurse educators (faculty), but currently there are few designated graduate student scholarship monies for nurse educators/faculty.

- Scholarship monies for the BSN to PhD option in addition to masters and doctorate students allows us to recruit the best future educators and positively affect the critical national faculty shortage.

- The college is committed to securing $5 million in scholarship funding for nursing students for future faculty roles as well as providers of healthcare (nurse practitioners) during the course of the university’s Proudly Cincinnati campaign.

Significantly Increase the College’s Impact Globally

- Expand the International Nursing Experience to allow for every undergraduate nursing student to participate in the program. This will require numerous new clinical sites and sizable scholarship funds for students in need.

- Expand collaborative research partnerships with schools of nursing around the globe.

- Move beyond the walls of Procter Hall by continually increasing enrollment in our distance learning program both nationally and internationally. Our current distance learning curriculum offerings of Nurse Midwifery and Women’s Health will be expanded to include Clinical Nurse Specialist/Nurse Educator, Nursing Service Administration and Doctor of Nursing Practice.

- Grow the one-of-a-kind Nursing Co-op program to include every student enrolled at the BSN level.