The Department of Nursing offers the following degrees:

**UNDERGRADUATE**
- Nursing (B.S.)

**GRADUATE**
- Nursing (M.S.)
- Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.)

About the Department
The Department of Nursing offers three tracks to a Bachelor of Science in nursing: one for traditional undergraduate students, a second for non-nursing college graduates and a third for registered nurses.

SU nursing graduates have the highest five-year average NCLEX-RN pass rate in Maryland for baccalaureate programs for 2010-present. Our accreditation by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) for the maximum period is further validation of the quality of our curriculum, faculty and resources.

Students in SU nursing programs pride themselves on involvement, participating in a host of community service projects on and off campus. Our Student Nurses Association has a 19-year record of success with writing resolutions that have been adopted by the National Student Nurses Association.

About the Second Bachelor’s Program
With a 20-year history of success, the second-bachelor’s degree program is designed for those with a degree in another field who wish to make a career change. This full-time program is three semesters in length – fall-spring-fall – with graduation in December. Grads of this program are highly recruited, as they bring life experience, maturity and diversity to the workforce. They advance quickly into positions as clinical resource nurses, clinical educators and managers. Many continue in graduate study, earning credentials to be nurse practitioners, nurse executives or faculty.

At SU, there are countless opportunities for personal growth, including international study in places like South Africa, Ecuador and Nicaragua. The popular summer Nurse Extern work-study program pairs students with experienced registered nurses in area health care facilities for a paid eight-week immersion in patient care while earning three credits through an online class at the University.

Our faculty engage in research and clinical practice publishing their work in such prestigious journals as *Journal of Nursing Education* and *Nurse Educator*, and practicing at area hospitals and clinics. They also lend their expertise to national and regional health organizations and advisory boards.

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- National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD
- Children’s National Medical Center, Washington, D.C.
- Johns Hopkins Medical Center, Baltimore, MD
- University of Maryland Shock Trauma, Baltimore, MD
- Peninsula Regional Medical Center, Salisbury, MD

Students who have graduated from SU have built careers in:
- Trauma and Critical Care
- Neonatal Intensive Care
- Primary Care as Nurse Practitioners
- Public Health
- Research Managing Clinical Trials
- Leadership and Management as Clinical managers and Directors of Nursing
- Peri-operative care as Nurse Anesthetists and RN First Assistants
- Education as Professors and Staff Development Instructors

“I had the opportunity to experience many different nursing situations that gave me confidence to start my nursing career. Because of SU nursing, I felt more prepared to begin my job as an RN shortly after graduation.”

— Abby Koch, Class of 2014

**EMPLOYERS OF NOTE**

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What's Special About SU Nursing?

Close faculty supervision in clinical courses.
For all direct care experiences, clinical groups are typically no larger than eight students. This allows for personal attention and coaching while learning how to think like a nurse. Students also develop close friendships with classmates that last through their years at SU and beyond.

Expert faculty who practice what they teach.
All classroom teachers also supervise clinical practice so what is taught in the classroom is readily applied and reinforced in a clinical setting bridging the gap between the “textbook” and the “real world.”

Excellent clinical facilities.
SU has clinical affiliations at a variety of hospitals and clinics. Among the hospitals is an award-winning regional trauma center that has been recognized as one of the “Most Wired Hospitals” in the U.S.

Our newly expanded Richard A. Henson Medical Simulation Center provides students learning experiences with unpredictable clinical events (birth, caring for critically ill newborns and children) in a safe and learner-friendly environment using life-like human patient simulators where practice makes perfect. Other simulated events with standardized patients (trained actors) help students learn how to interact more effectively with individuals with mental health disorders. Working alongside other health professions students, SU nursing students develop skills in communication and teamwork.

Career Options
Career options are endless as professional nursing is projected to have one of the largest number of new jobs according to the Occupational Outlook Handbook. There are opportunities for employment in hospitals, long-term care and rehabilitation centers, health departments, hospice and home care, and occupational health. Some of our nursing graduates are practicing in unusual areas such as law, international health, pharmaceutical sales, and even on cruise ships

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