

College of *Nursing and Health Care Professions*



Nursing and Health Care Professions Programs

FIND YOUR PURPOSE

GRAND CANYON
UNIVERSITY®

PRIVATE. CHRISTIAN. AFFORDABLE.



ABOUT Grand Canyon University

Grand Canyon University is Arizona's premier, private Christian university. We help students find their purpose by offering next-generation education with over 200 academic programs, including 150 online programs, across nine distinct colleges. Approximately 20,500* ground students learn on our vibrant campus in the heart of Phoenix and over 70,000 online students join our innovative and collaborative virtual learning community.

Spanning 250+ acres, GCU's campus continues to grow with new residence halls, academic buildings, popular eateries, student support resources and amenities, as well as state-of-the-art athletic facilities like GCU Stadium, the Canyon Activity Complex and more. GCU offers generous scholarship opportunities to make a private education affordable and invests in revitalizing the community with a commitment to making a difference.

*Fall 2018



Christian Worldview

Built upon a biblically rooted mission, GCU believes quality education and faith can coexist in the 21st century. We integrate aspects of our distinctive Christian worldview into everything we do, and we incorporate Christian principles in the classroom to encourage students to shape their own perspectives. A values-based curriculum further helps students cultivate morality, ethics and compassion within their careers and lives.

GCU students are not required to be Christians. Our approach is missional in nature, characterized by a welcoming spirit and loving service to all from different walks of life. Our students experience the Christian faith, the mission of God and the idea of living for the good of others in a safe and supportive space. We encourage everyone to grow spiritually and live with intention while responding to their call to purpose.



5 OUR COMMITMENTS TO YOU

1. START STRONG, FINISH STRONG:

GCU begins preparing students for their careers and futures right at the beginning of their first year. Students have access to opportunities and complimentary resources that support their college experience, academics, real-world learning, wellness and personal growth all the way through graduation and beyond.

2. EARLY GRADUATION:

Committed to affordability, GCU offers fast-track options for students to accelerate their college journey. Students who graduate in less than four years can pay less in tuition and college expenses, as well as enter their graduate program or career sooner.

3. LOW STUDENT DEBT:

GCU helps make a private college education affordable and accessible by offering generous institutional scholarships. On average, a student qualifies for approximately \$7,800* in GCU-funded scholarships for the academic year, which reduces tuition by about half.

4. HOME AWAY FROM HOME:

Students become a part of a supportive, diverse and safe community. Opportunities to get involved in campus life, Academic and Career Excellence (ACE) Centers, Chapel and Life Groups, Public Safety and many other services help turn campus into a second home for Lopes.

5. REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE:

Students have unique opportunities to get involved in GCU enterprises, which provide students with hands-on learning environments where they can gain real workplace experiences and skills. Students also become a part of the transformative impact that these businesses have on the local community.



#19 Best College Campus
in America

#6 Best College Dorms in America
2020 Best Colleges by Niche.com

10 GCU ENTERPRISES

- The GCU Golf Course
- Lope House Restaurant
- Pro Shop
- GCU Hotel
- Canyon 49 Grill
- Grand Canyon Beverage Co. (GCBC)
- Student Ad Agency
- Canyon Promotions
- Lope Shops
- Canyon Pizza Co.

* Average tuition after scholarships is approximately \$8,700. Scholarships may be awarded based on 6th semester transcripts. At the time in which final, official transcripts are received, GCU reserves the right to rescind or modify the scholarship if it is determined that eligibility was not achieved. GCU reserves the right to decline scholarship awards for any reason. If a student does not meet the minimum renewal criteria, their scholarship will be forfeited. GCU reserves the right to change scholarship awards at any time without notice. If a student does not meet the minimum renewal criteria, their scholarship will be forfeited. Prices based on 2018-19 rate and are subject to change.

College of Nursing and Health Care Professions

Our Mission

The mission of the College of Nursing and Health Care Professions is to develop professionals using systems- and evidence-based practice to promote health, wellness, safety and quality care for individual patients and populations supported by an academically rigorous liberal arts education reflecting Christian values.

PREPARATION FOR THE WORKFORCE

Health care professionals are in high demand and as one of the top nursing schools in Arizona, GCU's College of Nursing and Health Care Professions is preparing students to fill these coveted positions.

Graduates from our programs are valued by employers because our curriculum connects classroom theory to hands-on practice, so students have practiced the skills they will use in their profession before they graduate.



SIMULATION ACCREDITATION

Simulation accreditation is voluntary not mandatory. However, it is seen as a badge of honor when you receive it. It means you have exhibited the highest standards and operate using national best practices. GCU's Lopes Center for Nursing Simulation has been awarded Provisional Accreditation from the Society for Simulation in Healthcare, which is the first step in achieving full accreditation. Here in AZ - ASU, U of A, Mayo, Maricopa all have sim accreditation and are listed as an accredited sim program on the national website. GCU will now be added to this prestigious list.

"I believe GCU prepared me for the NCLEX and for the real world of nursing. I am known and recognized by my supervisor and other nurse leaders on the telemetry-trauma unit as one of the more thorough and knowledgeable nurses. I can attribute my thoroughness and attention to detail to GCU's wonderful professors and lab instructors who guide students into critical thinking."

— Destiny Escio, RN-BSN,
Graduated December 2019



The nursing program at GCU provided me with many opportunities to grow inside the classroom as well as outside the classroom. The supportive environment I received from each of the faculty across the nursing program allowed me to thrive as a nursing student despite the difficulty level of the program."

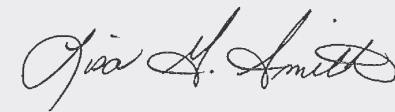
— Evelyn Kravtsov, Bachelor of Science in Nursing,
Graduated Summer 2019



MESSAGE *from the Dean*

► Health care is an exciting career choice. The field continues to grow and evolve every single day, creating new career opportunities. There has never been a greater time to choose a health care career.

As a Christian university, GCU's goal is to prepare skilled health care professionals who use their God-given abilities to serve and live out their faith through their chosen profession. Whether your career path leads you to caring for others, a health care leadership role or analyzing health data, you will have a direct impact on the lives of countless people.



Lisa G. Smith, PhD, RN, CNE
Dean and Professor
College of Nursing and Health Care Professions

“*Care for the flock that God has entrusted to you. Watch over it willingly, not grudgingly—not for what you will get out of it, but because you are eager to serve God.*”

I Peter 5:2 NLT





DEGREE PROGRAMS

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Pre-licensure

GCU's Pre-Licensure BSN degree readies graduates to practice as generalist registered nurses, enabling them to work across all areas of healthcare and in a variety of health-related settings. GCU's nursing programs focus on equipping students to provide quality care for diverse communities and populations through evidence-based, holistic practices. Curriculum and course work are designed to make students successful in the clinical setting and to prepare them to pass their licensing exam (NCLEX).

To maintain the quality of GCU's nursing degree, a limited number of qualified students are admitted into the clinical portion of the nursing program each semester using a stack-ranked process. Acceptance is competitive and requires a secondary application.

COHORTS

After acceptance into the clinical portion of the nursing program, students are placed into cohorts. A student will progress through the levels of the program with this same cohort, studying and attending classes with this group of nursing students. Members of the same cohort often form strong bonds and friendships.

Register for an upcoming Nursing Webinar for the opportunity to ask questions, learn more information about the program, and take a virtual tour of our Nursing Simulation Labs! **Contact an admissions counselor for information on how to register.**

PROGRAM BENEFITS

- Small class sizes across the university*
- Clinical hours in state-of-the-art simulation labs
- Clinical rotations in a variety of hospitals and units
- Experienced faculty who are committed to student success
- High NCLEX success rate**

INTERNSHIPS/RESIDENCY

In the last semester of their program, high-achieving students are given the opportunity to apply for a residency in our Transition to Practice Residency program. This program offers a unique opportunity for a nursing student preparing for graduation to work one-on-one with a selected Registered Nurse (RN) in a health care facility to help them transition into clinical practice post-graduation. Students are selected for the Transition to Practice Residency by healthcare institutions based on both program and institution-specific criteria.

GCU's Bachelor of Science in Nursing: Pre-Licensure is only available to incoming high school students.

*Traditional class sizes are an average of 26.6 students. Online average sizes are 10.5 students.

Professional studies or cohort classes have an average size of 13.4 students.

**As of 2019, GCU's first-time NCLEX pass rate was 96.67%

Bachelor of Science (BS) in **ATHLETIC TRAINING**

Athletic training, as defined by the National Athletic Trainer's Association, is practiced by athletic trainers, who are health care professionals who collaborate with physicians to optimize activity and participation of patients. The athletic training degree offered by GCU's College of Nursing and Health Care Professions prepares graduates to work directly with clients and their healthcare providers.

ATHLETIC TRAINERS ARE TRAINED IN THE FOLLOWING DOMAINS OF MEDICINE:

- Clinical evaluation and diagnosis
- Immediate and emergency care
- Injury and illness prevention and wellness protection
- Organizational and professional health and well-being
- Treatment and rehabilitation

Certified athletic trainers (ATCs) are qualified to work in a variety of athletic settings including high schools, colleges, universities, professional sports and clinics. GCU's accredited athletic training program sets graduates on a path towards success in this field, offering formal instruction in important athletic training areas and providing students with opportunities for the 900 hours of clinical experience needed for both certification and graduation.

GCU's Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training is only available to incoming high school students.

PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES

GCU's BS in Athletic Training provides students with hands-on experience with real athletes. Students who are accepted into the clinical portion of the athletic training program have the opportunity to work with:

- Glendale Community College athletes
- Grand Canyon University athletes
- LA Dodgers
- Local high school athletes and clinics
- Mesa Community College athletes
- Milwaukee Brewers
- Phoenix Rising



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WHY STUDY ATHLETIC TRAINING?

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the employment rate of athletic trainers is expected to grow 19% from 2018 to 2028. Certified graduates with athletic training degrees are in high-demand. Earning this degree from GCU can set you on a path towards a rewarding career spent helping others and providing care.

GCU SPORTS MEDICINE CLUB

Students with an interest in the field of sports medicine can join a community with students across multiple majors who have similar passions. Members have volunteer opportunities and attend professional speaker events throughout the year. The club also gives students access to industry professionals for advice, mentorships, experience and networking. Events throughout the year include:

- Professional development seminars
- Professional networking opportunities with health care leaders
- Personal development and people skills
- Community volunteering events

Bachelor of Science (BS) in *PUBLIC HEALTH*

Public Health is an ideal field for those interested in a career spent improving the health and wellness of communities. The BS in Public Health from GCU prepares graduates to work in public health roles in a variety of contexts including local and state government health organizations or health care organizations.

WHY STUDY PUBLIC HEALTH AT GCU?

As a Christian university, GCU offers students a unique perspective on the field of public health. The program empowers students to approach public health with empathy, compassion and a focus on social justice. Classes integrate the Christian worldview so that students are prepared to make the greatest difference in the communities they will work in.

GCU's public health program equips students with the skills necessary for a wide range of positions in the field. Classes focus on:

- Culturally appropriate communication and community engagement
- Understanding and using public health data
- Implementing health education and health promotion interventions
- Examining the influence of policies on health

PUBLIC HEALTH CAPSTONE

The program ends in a capstone class in which students have the opportunity to apply the skills and knowledge they have gained through real-world work. Students can make this experience their own by choosing between a 30-hour service opportunity within the public field, or through semester-long research project during which students develop a proposal that addresses a pressing public health issue.



Bachelor of Science (BS) in **HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT**

A health information management degree provides the knowledge, resources and tools needed to advance professional standards in health care and support delivery across many settings. GCU's health information management degree program prepares students to understand the importance of information accuracy, information confidentiality and up to date analytics in providing first-rate health care.

GCU's BS in Health Information Management not only provides students with the skill sets required for entry-level health care positions, and a career path which can lead to executive, management and technical analyst roles within healthcare.

The BS in Health Information Management program at GCU focuses on:

- **Billing for healthcare services**
- **Disease and treatment classification systems**
- **Electronic health records management**
- **Health data governance, privacy and security, analytics and coding**
- **Health informatics**
- **Health information technology**
- **Healthcare organization management**
- **Leadership in healthcare organizations**

Lab Simulations

Completion of the program includes health information technology simulations to allow students experience in eleven different health information system technologies prior to graduation.



CAPSTONE AND PRACTICUM

The program's final capstone course provides students the opportunity to integrate the knowledge acquired through coursework with skills developed during practice. Students complete a comprehensive applied project to demonstrate critical thinking and an attainment of health information management competencies.

The capstone course includes 80 hours of practicum field experience, giving students real-world experience and exposure to disease and treatment classification systems, health information leadership methodologies, system management, privacy and security regulation compliance.



Bachelor of Science (BS) in **HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION**

A Bachelor of Science in Health Care Administration from Grand Canyon University prepares graduates for managing health-related organizations. A healthcare administration graduate is ready to lead healthcare teams and work strategically within contemporary healthcare organizations. The skills developed in the BS in Healthcare Administration degree include the ability to:

- Lead departments
- Make decisions related to organizational planning, strategy and finance
- Manage projects
- Understand the inner workings of healthcare organizations
- Work with teams of employees across an organization

Graduates from the BS in Health Care Administration program at GCU are ready to step into the healthcare workplace. They may find entry to mid-level positions including clinical jobs and supervisory roles at hospitals, clinics, doctor's offices and mental health organizations.

GCU FUTURE HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATORS CLUB

The Future Health Care Administrators Club gives students the opportunity to unite with the other students in their program of study. Members are offered access to executive-level networking and receive support throughout the transition from being a student to entering the field as a professional. The club offers several events throughout the semester such as:

- Healthcare executive speakers series
- Industry relationship building with members of the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE)
- Professional development seminars
- Professional networking opportunities with healthcare leaders
- Volunteer events



FOCUS ON YOUR CAREER SUCCESS

HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM FOCUSES

GCU's Healthcare Administration Program has five major focuses within healthcare administration:

1

COMMUNICATION AND RELATIONSHIP MANAGEMENT

Students learn to effectively communicate as a dynamic leader and build relationships in an ever-changing healthcare environment. Crisis and change management, as well as conflict resolution, are critical skills also highlighted.

2

LEADERSHIP AND PROFESSIONALISM

Graduates learn to lead based on organizational dynamics and with the goal of instituting positive change. Ethical challenges including those related to societal, multicultural and legal issues are highlighted.

3

HEALTHCARE ENVIRONMENTS AND BUSINESS ACUMEN

Business practices and global healthcare trends are a focus so that students understand how to manage the demand for health-related services.

4

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND RISK MANAGEMENT

Students understand accounting and budgeting principles, as well as those that govern confidentiality and file management within the healthcare realm.

5

ORGANIZATIONAL DYNAMICS AND HUMAN RESOURCES

Graduates learn about human resources concepts and employee organizational behavior to effectively manage a healthcare workplace.





NEXT steps:



STEP 1 ►

Apply for free at gcu.edu/ApplyNow

STEP 2 ►

Set up your student portal, submit your transcripts and monitor your progress toward acceptance

STEP 3 ►

Once transcripts are evaluated, sign up for Discover GCU, our all-expenses paid* on-campus experience, to learn more about Lope life

STEP 4 ►

Register early to lock in your scholarships, class schedule and housing preferences

To learn more about Grand Canyon University, undergraduate programs offered on campus, available scholarships and more, contact an admissions counselor.

855-428-7884
gcu.edu/CampusAdmissions

*Restrictions for travel reimbursement may apply.

Please note, not all GCU programs are available in all states and in all learning modalities. Program availability is contingent on student enrollment. Grand Canyon University is regionally accredited by the Higher Learning Commission 800-621-7440; <http://hlcommission.org/>. Important policy information is available in the University Policy Handbook at <https://www.gcu.edu/academics/academic-policies.php>. GCU, while reserving its lawful rights in light of its Christian mission, is committed to maintaining an academic environment that is free from unlawful discrimination. Further detail on GCU's Non-Discrimination policies can be found at gcu.edu/titleIX. The information printed in this material is accurate as of JULY 2020. For the most up-to-date information about admission requirements, tuition, scholarships and more, visit gcu.edu ©2020 Grand Canyon University 19GTR413