



College of  
**NURSING AND  
HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONS**

**FIND YOUR PURPOSE**  
Private. Christian. Affordable.



## Our **MISSION**

The mission of the College of Nursing and Health Care Professions is to prepare competent, compassionate professionals empowered to promote health, wellness, safety and quality care for all. This mission is supported by academically rigorous programs built upon a strong foundation of liberal arts education and evidence-based practice that reflect missional, Christ-centered Christian values and a global worldview - catalysts for human flourishing.

Graduates are prepared to respond to ever-changing needs by implementing both innovative thinking and skills to address complex issues within health care. Our commitment to preparing the next generation of transformative, servant leaders, exercising their vocational calling, is evident in the diversity of health care offerings and an evolving curriculum that connects theory to the real world.



# Message From **THE DEAN**

Health care can be 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 can 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.  
~1 Peter 5:2”

# WHY GCU?

Grand Canyon University has been helping students find their purpose and achieve their potential for over 70 years. We are dedicated to servant leadership, academic excellence and scholastic opportunity for all.

Here are just a few of the ways that GCU's College of Nursing and Health Care Professions can help you achieve both your personal and professional goals in the field of nursing:



A curriculum that establishes a strong foundation in both practical science and compassionate patient care



Faculty members who have experience in their fields and are focused on teaching rather than just research



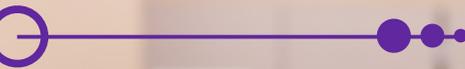
Nursing skills labs equipped with task trainers, modern clinical equipment and technology



A nursing simulation center that has been awarded Provisional Accreditation from the Society for Simulation in Health Care (the first step in achieving full accreditation)



Two buildings dedicated to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) learning



## WE WELCOME YOU

to discover the GCU difference and experience firsthand why we are Arizona's premier private Christian university.

# CAREERS

The choice to enter the field of health care can put you on track for a career that has far-reaching effects upon your local community and the world as a whole.

Areas of expertise include:

## NURSING

- ✔ Work both directly and indirectly with patients to provide nursing care
- ✔ Opportunity for a variety of different nursing pathways such as home care, acute care, pediatrics, behavioral health and many others

## PUBLIC HEALTH

- ✔ Serve communities by promoting nourishing lifestyles to improve overall health and deter spread of disease
- ✔ Work with researchers and medical professionals to shape public health policy regarding medical information

## HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION

- ✔ Work with patients and families as an advocate to ensure quality care
- ✔ Understand the unique ethical and legal obligations of the health care world
- ✔ Interface directly with doctors and nursing staff
- ✔ Maintain patient data for overall health care needs

## HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

- ✔ Responsible for protection of confidential patient information
- ✔ Utilize information to help health care leadership make key decisions

## ATHLETIC TRAINING

- ✔ Provide emergency, therapeutic, preventative and rehabilitation care
- ✔ Responsible for planning and implementing comprehensive programs to prevent injury and illness among athletes
- ✔ Perform administrative tasks, such as keeping records and writing reports on injuries and treatment programs





# *Degree* PROGRAMS

Grand Canyon University's nursing degree programs utilize classroom learning and hands-on experience to advance critical thinking, professionalism, accountability and ethical decision-making by applying science, health and nursing theories. For more details, visit [gcu.edu/CONHCP](http://gcu.edu/CONHCP)

## *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 health care. This program consists of two years of prerequisite coursework followed by a secondary application into the clinical program based on available seats. Curriculum and course work are designed to help students in the clinical setting and to prepare for the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN®).

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



# Pre-Nursing PATHWAYS

## Pre-Nursing Traditional Campus BSN PATHWAY

Students taking the pre-nursing traditional campus route will attend all pre-requisite classes on GCU's campus in Phoenix. Upon secondary admittance into GCU's nursing program, students will attend 16 months of continuous classes. This will include attending hands-on skills labs, immersive simulation, theory and clinicals with the guidance of knowledgeable faculty who can help ensure students are prepared for the nursing profession. Students can graduate with their BSN and be eligible to sit for the NCLEX-RN exam.



## Pre-Nursing Online ABS N PATHWAY

Students who choose the pre-nursing online route can enter as a zero-credit freshman or as a transfer student and must meet minimum program requirements. They may complete their remaining general education credits and nursing pre-requisites online through GCU prior to applying for secondary admittance into GCU's 16-month ABSN program. Students choosing this route are not eligible for secondary acceptance to the traditional ground campus Pre-Licensure BSN program.

## Pre-Nursing Campus Residential ABS N PATHWAY

Students who choose the pre-nursing campus residential route can enter as a zero-credit freshman or as a transfer student and must meet minimum program requirements. They may complete their remaining general education credits and nursing pre-requisites in-person on the GCU campus (so long as they live on campus and meet eligibility requirements to do so) prior to applying for secondary admittance into GCU's 16-month ABSN program. Students choosing this route are not eligible for secondary acceptance to the traditional ground campus Pre-Licensure BSN program. Learn more about pre-nursing programs at [gcu.edu/nursing](https://gcu.edu/nursing)

*Secondary Applicants must transfer a minimum of 60 of the required 123 credits or have completed a baccalaureate degree which includes nine prerequisite courses/labs and 10 general education courses prior to starting the core nursing courses, which can be completed in as few as 16 months. Direct Entry Applicants that do not transfer 60 credits but meet the minimum requirements can complete these credits through GCU prior to starting the core nursing courses. Depending on the state where student has enrolled or intends to complete the program, student may require additional courses. This may include, but is not limited to, additional general education courses, courses in the major, clinical courses, or a different course sequence. See University Policy Handbook.*

## Master of Science in

# ATHLETIC TRAINING

If you're passionate about physiology, injury and illness prevention and helping others achieve overall wellness, GCU's Master of Science in Athletic Training could be a fit for you. This highly interactive program features hands-on labs and clinical experiences that can prepare you for a career working with clients and their health care providers as an athletic trainer in settings which include:

- Amateur and professional sports
- Colleges and universities
- Rehabilitation clinics
- Secondary schools

GCU's Bachelor's Programs Recommend:

- Bachelor of Science in Biology
- Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science: Pre-Athletic Training



## Bachelor of Science in **PUBLIC HEALTH**

The Bachelor of Science in Public Health from Grand Canyon University can prepare graduates to work in public health roles in a variety of contexts including local and state government health departments, domestic or global nonprofit organizations, behavioral health organizations or health care organizations.

# HEALTHCARE

*Bachelor of Science in*

## **HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT**

A health information management degree from Grand Canyon University can provide 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 can prepare students to understand the importance of information accuracy, information confidentiality and up-to-date analytics in providing first-rate health care. Curriculum and course work are designed to prepare for the Registered Health Information Administrators Exam (RHIA).

*Learn more at [gcu.edu/CONHCP](http://gcu.edu/CONHCP)*



*Bachelor of Science in*

## **HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION**

A Bachelor of Science in Health Care Administration from Grand Canyon University can prepare graduates for managing health-related organizations, leading teams and working strategically within contemporary health care organizations. Skills taught in the program include:

- Organizational planning, strategy and finance
- Project management
- Understanding the inner workings of health care organizations
- Facilitating team cohesiveness across an organization



# NEXT STEPS

## TAKE THESE NEXT STEPS

1



Apply at [gcu.edu/ApplyNow](https://gcu.edu/ApplyNow) and upload your transcripts. No application fee!

2



Make an appointment with your counselor to review scholarships and programs.

3



Upon acceptance visit campus (all-expenses-paid<sup>1</sup> programs available).

4



Register early to secure courses and on-campus housing.

5



Pack your sunglasses and move to Lope Country!

### 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](https://gcu.edu/CampusAdmissions)

<sup>1</sup>Travel reimbursement is only available to students who demonstrate their ability to meet admissibility for the traditional campus, plus one legal guardian, from a student's home city/state to Phoenix, AZ. School/district/organizations staff, faculty and/or personnel are also eligible. To participate, the program requires a signed MOU by both the student and parent/guardian or personnel, approval of travel dates by GCU and receipts submitted per GCU requirements. Travel reimbursement thresholds vary based on location and education sector. Only one form of travel will be reimbursed, air or ground. GCU does not reimburse hotel expenses, baggage costs, early check-in or travel insurance fees. Travel reimbursement usually occurs within 45 days.



For more information on the accreditation of nursing programs and other university licensures, please visit our University Accreditation and Regulations page.

Grand Canyon University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission ([hlcommission.org](http://hlcommission.org)), an institutional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. Please note, not all GCU programs are available in all states and in all learning modalities. Program availability is contingent on student enrollment. Pre-licensure nursing students who begin or resume attendance in Fall 2020 and beyond will be ineligible to utilize most GCU institutional aid/scholarships for tuition and fees once accepted into the clinical portion of the program. Important policy information is available in the University Policy Handbook at <https://www.gcu.edu/academics/academic-policies.php>. The information printed in this material is accurate as of JANUARY 2024. For the most up-to-date information about admission requirements, tuition, scholarships and more, visit [gcu.edu](http://gcu.edu). Approved by the Associate Dean of the College of Nursing and Health Care Professions on Jan. 8, 2023. ©2024 Grand Canyon University 22GTR0271