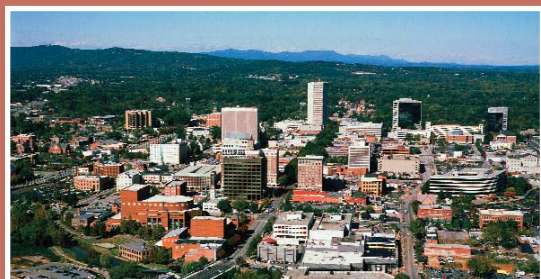




University of South Carolina Upstate



As a senior comprehensive public institution of the University of South Carolina, the University of South Carolina Upstate offers degree programs in the liberal arts and sciences, business administration, nursing and teacher education, as well as master's degrees in education. USC Upstate is one of the leading metropolitan universities in the southeast and has for seven years been ranked by *U.S. News and World Report* as one of the top five Comprehensive Colleges.

Among the fastest growing universities in South Carolina, USC Upstate boasts two thriving campuses – the 280-acre largely residential campus in Spartanburg and a campus at the University Center of Greenville for commuting junior and senior level students. In fact, in Greenville, USC Upstate has increased access to higher education making earning a bachelor's degree easier than most people think.

With day and evening classes at the University Center of Greenville, USC Upstate offers 11 degree programs for junior and senior level students who have an associate's degree or close to 60 credit hours of college work, or who already have a bachelor's degree but are seeking a career change. A great academic program that offers a challenging curriculum, a simple admission process, lots of personal attention and convenience for your lifestyle are all you need to put you on the path to earning a university degree and a lifetime of learning.

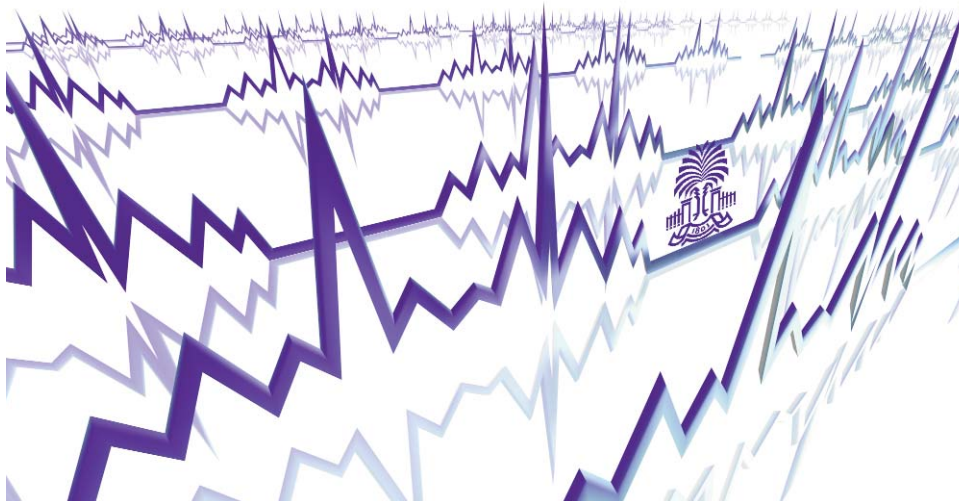
## School of Nursing

The Mary Black School of Nursing, is one of the Southeast's highly regarded nursing institutions offering a four-year degree. From the University's founding in 1967, with the mission to provide an associate degree to prepare registered nurses, to the initiation 30 years later of one of the first-in-the-state R.N. to B.S.N. degree programs, offering distance learning classes for registered nurses, USC Upstate has earned a solid reputation as an innovator in nursing education.

USC Upstate affords nursing graduates a 100 percent rate of placement within three months of completing the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. Student scores on the national licensure exam are consistently above state and national averages. The program has the approval of the South Carolina Board of Nursing and is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC).\*

### Bachelor of Science in Nursing

The professional program leading to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree offers two tracks of study: the four-year track for students who wish to begin a career in professional nursing and a track for registered nurses seeking a baccalaureate degree (RN-BSN). In the four-year track, students begin their academic studies by completing general education requirements prior to their first nursing course. The



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RN- BSN track program allows working RNs to spend one day a week on coursework, either in classrooms on the Greenville campus, through online courses or via public television.

Both tracks of study are designed to provide students the opportunity to acquire knowledge and skills needed for effective professional nursing practice in a wide variety of settings. The programs rest upon a foundation of partnerships with the community, including health care organizations and health care providers in upstate South Carolina.

## Partnerships

The Nursing Consortium, a partnership between USC Upstate and Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System, afforded more than a half-million dollars through the Duke Foundation to hire university faculty. USC Upstate is also engaged in the South Carolina Health Science Collaborative with the Greenville Hospital System to provide educational, research and career opportunities for students; with the help of St. Francis Health System, the University created the St. Francis Nursing Resource Center in Greenville; and the University continues to work with other Upstate hospital systems to address the national nursing shortage.

All of these partnerships create additional resources for students who wish to enter the Mary Black School of Nursing and give USC Upstate nursing graduates greater employment opportunities.

## Employment Opportunities

Students who earn an undergraduate degree in nursing and pass the NCLEX-RN examination are qualified to work in hospital settings, such as general adult care units or specialty areas, including cardiology, psychiatry, critical care, emergency room, obstetrics, pediatrics, neonatal units, and geriatrics. Other career

options include home health nursing, hospice, military nursing, corporate nursing, extended care facilities, or working in a physician's office, school or industry. A Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree also allows for entry into master's and doctoral programs, such as nurse practitioner, anesthesiology and nursing education.

## Clubs and Organizations

Nursing clubs and organizations active on campus include the Student Nurses Association (SNA), a local chapter of the National Student Nurses Association (NSNA).

Students may be offered the opportunity to join the Mu Rho Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing. Sigma Theta Tau provides leadership and scholarship in practice, education and research to enhance the health of all people. They support the learning and professional development of our members who strive to improve nursing care worldwide. Membership is by nomination, grade point average, and class ranking.

## Alumni Spotlight

"My career originally began in the banking industry but after the death of a close relative, I wanted to be a nursing professional. So at the age of 40, I returned to college to earn a second bachelor's degree and it has been such a satisfying move. The faculty at USC Upstate gave me a true appreciation for nursing and health care. With their gentle ways and character, they explained situations well and made nursing a reality for me."

*--Wendy Carey, Class of 2001  
Medical Intensive Care Unit Nurse at  
Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System*