Mary Black School of Nursing

Overview
The Mary Black School of Nursing, accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE, One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington, DC 20036), 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 R.N. to B.S.N. degree programs in the state, offering distance learning classes for registered nurses, USC Upstate has earned a solid reputation as an innovator in nursing education.

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. With the help of St. Francis Health System, the University created the St. Francis Nursing Resource Center in Greenville. The University continues to work with other Upstate hospital systems to address the national nursing shortage.

Bachelor of Science in Nursing
The professional program leading to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing offers two tracks of study: the four-year track for students who wish to begin a career in professional nursing and the RN to BSN track for registered nurses seeking a baccalaureate degree. In the four-year track, students begin their academic studies by completing general education requirements prior to their first nursing course. The RN to BSN track allows working RNs to spend one day a week on coursework in classrooms at the Greenville campus or through online courses.

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.
Up is much more than a direction or a place. It’s a way of approaching life and learning. It’s making the most of every challenge, and daring yourself to achieve more than you ever thought possible. That’s the kind of academic quality you’ll find at the University of South Carolina Upstate.

From the moment you step on campus, you feel the energy of a dynamic university. USC Upstate, a senior comprehensive public institution of the University of South Carolina, is one of the leading metropolitan universities in the Southeast and has been ranked by U.S. News and World Report as one of the top five Comprehensive Colleges in the South.

USC Upstate is among the fastest-growing universities in South Carolina, and includes a 330-acre campus in Spartanburg, a junior- and senior-level commuter campus in Greenville, and the George Dean Johnson, Jr. College of Business and Economics located in downtown Spartanburg. Home to 6,000 students from 26 states and 17 countries, USC Upstate offers more than 40 degree programs, over 90 active student organizations on campus, as well as 12 nationally affiliated sororities and fraternities. The University fields 17 athletic teams—known as the Spartans—which compete in the NCAA Division I Atlantic Sun Conference.

The best adventures in life are the ones that are different from all the rest. You should expect no less from your college experience. That’s what we call the Up attitude: exploring the kind of new and surprising learning opportunities that, in the end, will truly set you apart from the pack.

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