The Millersville University Department of Nursing offers a full range of nursing education programs, including the RN to BSN (both blended and fully online options), MSN (both FNP and Nursing Education) and a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree. The faculty of the Department of Nursing have developed a program which builds upon students' previous experiences in nursing education and practice in an effort to enhance their professional development and personal growth. We believe our students bring a wealth of clinical experience and expertise to our programs, and we embrace the opportunity to guide our students to higher-level thinking and functioning in the healthcare environment.

DEGREES/CERTIFICATIONS

RN TO BSN DEGREE PROGRAM
Our RN to BSN program is for students who have already obtained an associate degree or diploma in nursing and are returning to school to achieve their bachelor's degree. Our flexible program is based on the unique needs of the adult learner and consists of nine nursing courses (31 credits). Students are awarded 30 lower-division credits for their previous nursing courses. Program highlights include courses focused on ethics, diversity and integration of technology in healthcare. We offer three RN to BSN options:

- Blended on campus at Millersville University
- Blended off campus at Dixon University Center, Harrisburg, PA
- Fully online

The blended programs offer classes once per week, with some online weeks, in the traditional semester format. The online program is offered in accelerated seven-week “mini”-semesters (two online courses per semester).

We offer rolling admission, so we can get a student started in any term–spring, summer or fall!

MSN PROGRAM

- The Family/Individual Across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner Program is designed for the part-time student. Completion of the program requires 43 theory hours and 672 clinical hours. Upon completion of the FNP program, graduates are eligible for licensure by the PA State Board of Nursing and to sit for national certification examinations as offered by the American Nurses Credentialing Center and the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners.

- The Nursing Education Program is designed for the student who desires to pursue a career as a nurse educator. Completion of the program requires 35 theory hours and 112 clinical hours. Graduates are prepared to teach in nursing education programs or healthcare agencies.

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE
This program is designed for busy registered nurses who already have their MSN degree. The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP), which builds on the existing advanced practice MSN education, is aligned with the goals and objectives of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN).

The overall goal of Millersville’s DNP program is to develop the next generation of nursing practice leaders who will have a positive impact on healthcare in the central Pennsylvania region.

SCHOOL NURSE CERTIFICATION
This post-baccalaureate program is designed for the BSN wishing to gain certification through the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) for School Nursing.

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES SUPERVISORY CERTIFICATION
This option is designed for the Certified School Nurse who holds a Specialist II Certification, has an earned master’s degree and five years’ experience in the school nursing supervision.
FACULTY
Regardless of the option, tenured faculty teach in all programs. Our programs are designed based on national standards and the unique needs of the nurse returning to school while also working.

Our campus-based scheduling options recognize the value of our students’ time. Courses are scheduled to meet just once per week, and often two classes can be taken on the same day.

Practicum requirements allow students to focus on an area of interest to them, through individualized and self-directed observation experiences. Further, engagement in professional development activities can be applied to the required practicum hours.

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES
• Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, International Honor Society for Nurses. Students are eligible to be invited to join based on their academic record and accomplishments.
• Our students are afforded unique opportunities to engage in nursing advocacy, such as PSNA’s Day on Capitol Hill and other events.
• Students engage in an Evidence-Based Practice Showcase at local healthcare facilities to highlight their work in our Nursing Research course.
• Unique community experiences are available through our collaboration with local food banks, where we offer health-promotion teaching and screenings each month.

ABOUT OUR GRADUATES
The Millersville University BSN student is uniquely prepared to advocate for patients and the profession. Our graduates frequently report encouraging and leading change initiatives in their work environment, based on their work in our program. We believe our students are the leaders of the future, and we encourage them to continue their education. The majority of our students continue on to graduate school and have reported they feel well prepared for that challenge. Our students routinely move into management, education and other advanced roles in healthcare.

GRADUATE SPOTLIGHT
Jennifer Handrich, ’13
During her time at Millersville and following graduation, Jennifer Handrich has been actively involved in various international nursing missions. Immediately following graduation, Jennifer spent seven months abroad a Mercy Ship docked off the coast of the Congo in Africa. During this time, she functioned as a nurse leader through the triage, care and education of thousands of patients. Shortly after her return, she traveled to a remote village in Thailand for several months, where she helped to establish a school nurse program, engaged in health-promotion education and contributed to the overall health improvement of the village.

“Millersville's RN to BSN program helped expose me to various cultures and prepared me to be accepting of the differences in cultures. In turn, that has helped the transitions into different nursing opportunities in both Asia and Africa.”
– Jennifer Handrich ’13
RN to BSN Program