

WHAT IS NURSING?

"Nursing is the protection, promotion, and optimization of health and abilities, prevention of illness and injury, alleviation of suffering through the diagnosis and treatment of human response, and advocacy in the care of individuals, families, communities and populations."

— AMERICAN NURSES ASSOCIATION

THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON SCHOOL OF NURSING IS ONE OF THE NATION'S PREMIER NURSING SCHOOLS DEDICATED TO ADDRESSING HEALTH CARE NEEDS AND IMPROVING THE HEALTH OF COMMUNITIES IN WASHINGTON, THE UNITED STATES AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

We work to ensure everyone has access to and receives the benefits of health promotion, disease prevention, health protection and the highest quality of care possible. We accomplish this by teaching nurses to be:

- Leaders, not only on the health-care team, but also on the front lines of health care reform, advocacy, policy-making and community nursing care.
- Responsive to society's health care and wellness needs so all members of our community may live the fullest lives possible.
- Innovators in nursing science that create and translate research into practice and evaluate outcomes.

Nursing education goes far beyond a Registered Nurse, or R.N. Nursing degrees include the doctor of nursing practice (D.N.P.), doctor of philosophy in nursing science (Ph.D.); master of nursing (M.N.); master of science (M.S.); bachelor of science in nursing (B.S.N.); and accelerated bachelor of science in nursing (A.B.S.N.).

Nursing scientists participate in and lead important research studies that receive funding from prestigious private and public organizations, including the National Institutes of Health. The findings from these studies are published in national and international scientific journals and shape the future of health care.

FEW REALIZE THE TRUE IMPACT NURSES MAKE IN THEIR COMMUNITIES EVERY DAY OR THE IMPORTANCE OF NURSING SCIENCE.

NURSES PROVIDE DIRECT PATIENT CARE IN A VARIETY OF SETTINGS, INCLUDING THE HOSPITAL, OUTPATIENT CLINIC AND IN COMMUNITY SETTINGS.

UW School of Nursing graduates are prepared to meet the growing and changing demands of health care with competency in several areas of the discipline: expert point-of-care nursing, leadership, system improvement, research, cross-functional teamwork and collaboration, and community health. They are also ready to work in partnership with others to improve quality, streamline costs, reduce medical errors and lead change to advance health.



NURSES SERVE THE COMMUNITY.

Nurses work in roles that help improve the health of communities and patient care through policy-making, advocacy and systems implementation. The UW School of Nursing trains nurses to focus on health promotion, disease prevention and treatment through individual, family and community interventions with diverse populations across the lifespan.



NURSES PROVIDE LEADERSHIP.

Our students are the next great generation of nurse leaders and researchers, practicing in communities throughout the world. They become chief nursing officers, nursing deans and leading faculty members in schools throughout the United States and the world.



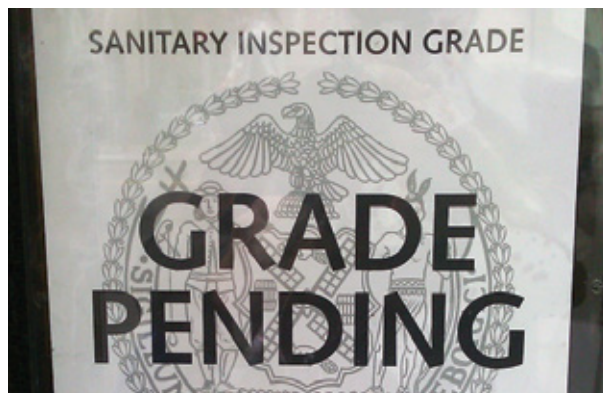
"Few professions are as complex as nursing leadership and particularly in our current healthcare environment. As the Harborview CNO, I partner with many community leaders, policy makers and stakeholders associated with health and social policy; primarily in King County and Washington State."

ALUMNA DARCY JAFFE
M.N., R.N., AND CHIEF NURSING OFFICER
AT HARBORVIEW MEDICAL CENTER.

NURSES ARE RESEARCHERS DRIVEN TO DISCOVER.

Nurses conduct hard-science research on an incredible breadth and depth of topics – all aimed at improving health. The UW School of Nursing demands a deep understanding of the science behind health issues and the integration of evidence-based care and policy. Public and private funding is critical to the ongoing success of research and drives advancements in nursing science.

When health departments spend more money on food safety and sanitation, members of our community experience significantly lower incidences of common food- and water-borne illnesses, according to a recent story published by Betty Bekemeier, UW associate professor of nursing, in the American Journal of Public Health.



NURSES ARE TEACHERS.

The UW School of Nursing is teaching the next generation of nurse leaders, educators and scientists. Our students and alumni are doing more than reading about positive changes; they're the catalyst making change happen, locally and globally. They carry our values of collaboration, social responsibility, integrity, respect, accountability, diversity and excellence forward.



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