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SCHOOL OF NURSING

FALL 2021 EDITION

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August 2021 Doctor of Nursing Practice Graduates

DEAN'S CORNER

Addressing Workforce Issues is a Priority

We are at the end of 2021, and the faculty and staff continue to work hard to help ensure the success of our nursing students. This is critical more now than ever given the nursing shortage which is projected to continue until 2030. The Bureau of Labor projects that RN employment will grow by 15% between 2016 to 2026. However, with the pandemic we have seen many nurses leave the field and choose other options due to compassion, fatigue, and burnout. The nursing shortage is not just a Kentucky crisis, it is a national crisis.

To address the nursing shortage, we have two accelerated programs for individuals already holding a degree: 1) Master's Entry, which is six semesters that results in a BSN and MSN, and 2) Accelerated BSN that is four semesters. Both programs help to increase the number of nurses in the workforce. Expanding these programs would not be possible without the \$1 million donation we received to expand our classroom space. We now have two state-of-the-art classrooms; one that holds 109 students and one that holds 72 students. My gratitude to the donor is unmeasurable as he is a hero to our School of Nursing.



Lastly, I would like to share a few points of pride about the University of Louisville School of Nursing:

- The oldest nursing school in the City of Louisville emerged from Louisville General Hospital Nursing School.
- Produces more BSN graduates than any school in Louisville, Kentucky.
- Above the benchmark for NCLEX pass rates.
- The only Neonatal Nurse Practitioner program in Kentucky. Named one of the top 10 programs in the country by Nursing Process.
- The only BSN program in Owensboro, Kentucky.
- One of two Accelerated Master Entry Nursing programs in Kentucky.

----- Sonya Hardin, Dean UofL School of Nursing



SON STRIVES TO ADD MORE NURSES TO WORKFORCE



ACCELERATED BSN PROGRAM RELAUNCHED

We relaunched our accelerated, second-degree Bachelor of Science in Nursing program. The program, which is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), is designed to provide an expedited pathway into the nursing profession and is ideal for those with a Bachelor's degree in another field who desire a career in nursing. The program can be completed in as few as 15 months at both Louisville and Owensboro, Kentucky campuses. [Click here to learn more.](#)

PEDIATRIC ACUTE CARE CERTIFICATE

The School of Nursing is now offering a pediatric acute care nurse practitioner post-graduate certificate program (PACNP). This program supports the existing pediatrics program offered at the School of Nursing - the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) to Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) track - creating another option for those interested in pediatric acute care. [Learn more about this certificate program.](#)

RELAUNCH OF MSN PROGRAM

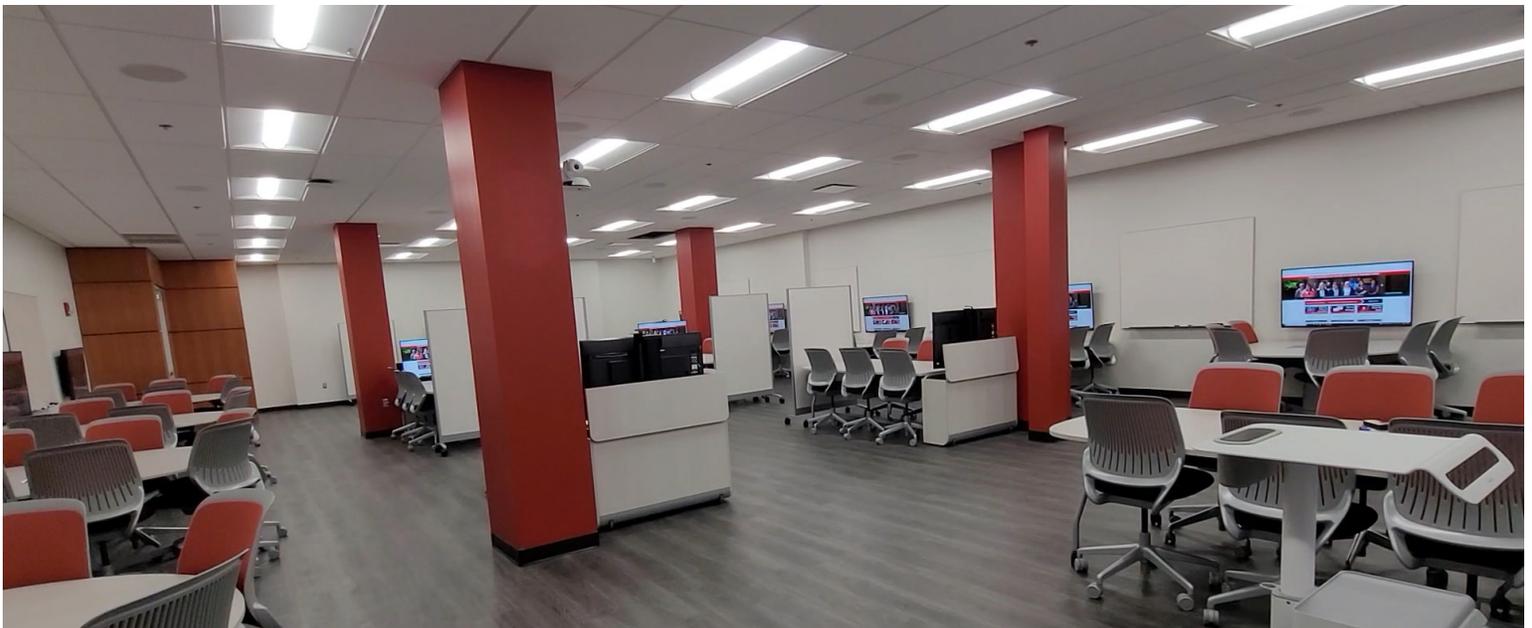
The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) relaunched this fall. It's designed for baccalaureate prepared nurses. The APRN concentration provides students with the knowledge and clinical skills necessary to sit for board certification in a number of specialties. The program admits twice a year with a fall and spring start option, and courses are taught in a hybrid format with blended on-campus and online instruction. [Details on our website.](#)

RENOVATIONS TO MAKE UOFL THE DESTINATION

As a premier metropolitan research university, the School of Nursing's distinctive location creates unique experiences for connection and real-world opportunities. We are currently focused on enhancing educational experiences for our students by upgrading our facility. Below are two examples of some of the progress we have made.



Watch Louisville artist Damon Thompson create this incredible mural on the first floor of our building. It features nurses who have made a lasting impact in history. **Learn more** about their contributions.



The before and after transformation of our new active learning classrooms will make you look twice. The rooms feature individual, large-screen table displays, wireless presentation/sharing capabilities, new line interactive touch displays, HD room cameras, and intelligent ceiling array microphones. There are also wall-mounted and portable whiteboards for brainstorming and reporting. **Watch the transformation.**

KINDRED HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION PROVIDES FUNDING FOR RENOVATION



Kindred Healthcare Foundation made an investment of \$950,000 in renovation and build-out of two facilities at the University of Louisville Health Sciences Center, one of them being the School of Nursing. The support will fund the renovation and expanded development of a new dynamic Student Collaboration Lounge that will become the heart of the student educational program. “The University of Louisville’s mission includes preparing professionals who will have a significant impact on our community and the commonwealth. Our nurses are frontline heroes and today’s announcement will only improve their experience and training,” said UofL President Neeli Bendapudi. “Thank you to our partner Kindred Healthcare for investing in UofL’s School of Nursing and our community’s next great generation of nursing leaders.” [Read more about the 3,485-square-foot Student Collaboration Lounge.](#)



Kindred Healthcare Foundation gift press conference

CARDINAL NURSE RECOGNITION

Recognizing new employees and celebrating the successes of our Cardinal nurse family is something we take pride in. We are thrilled about our growth here and the passion each of these individuals bring to our school.

LOUISVILLE NEW FACULTY AND STAFF



Welcome our new faculty and staff members on the Louisville campus. We are thrilled about the expertise each of them will bring to the school. **Meet some of our new members.**

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

American Academy of Nursing 2021 Class of New Fellows

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Dr. Ruth Carrico Dr. Whitney Nash Dr. Holly Wei

Congratulations to Dr. Whitney Nash, Dr. Holly Wei, and Dr. Ruth Carrico for being inducted as Fellows of the American Academy of Nursing. Induction into the academy is a significant milestone in a nurse leader's career in which their accomplishments are honored by their colleagues within and outside the profession. Fellows are selected based on their contributions and impact to advance the public's health. **Learn more about each of their accomplishments.** Other fellows include: Dr. Cindi Logsdon, Dr. Vicki Hines-Martin, Dr. Sonya Hardin, Dr. Karen Robinson and Dr. Kay Roberts (Emeriti).

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT**Dr. Vicki Hines-Martin**

Dr. Hines-Martin was named a Cardinal Principle Champion. The award was designed to honor those who have demonstrated one of the Cardinal Principles at the highest level of impact. She was recognized under the category of **Leadership for DEI**.

**Dr. Luz Huntington-Moskos**

Dr. Huntington-Moskos was accepted to the Betty Irene Moore Fellowship for Nurse Leaders and Innovators. Each fellow received \$450,000 over three years to develop their leadership, innovation and networking skills while completing an innovative project. **Read more.**

**Dr. Cheryl Witt**

Kentucky is working on efforts to raise awareness about mental health and farmers. Dr. Witt has been recognized for the work she and her students have done to impact the lives of farmers and their families. Witt's work was highlighted in Kentucky Today. **Learn more.**

**Dr. Karen Robinson**

Dr. Robinson tested the feasibility of a virtual social skills intervention to increase understanding of how to help Older Adults with Chronic Illness (OACI) re-emerge from the COVID pandemic. Robinson's study was featured in the **News and Tribune**. You can read more about her study **on our website.**

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

The Kentucky Nurses' Association hosted its annual conference in November to bring together nurses throughout the state for collaborating and idea sharing. Due to the pandemic, the conference was held virtually for the second year. The theme of this year's conference was, **"Facing Challenges: Preparing for The Future."** Fran Hardin-Fanning, Shirley B. Powers Endowed Chair of Nursing Research, and Holly Wei, Assistant Dean, PhD Program, were two of many presenters.

**Dr. Fran Hardin-Fanning**

Dr. Hardin-Fanning presented on her study that assessed nursing faculty self-efficacy and resilience in transitioning to the online format during the pandemic. The study examined the differences between Kentucky and other states. She also presented strategies to enhance self-efficacy in online teaching.

**Dr. Holly Wei**

Dr. Wei presented on the relationships between nurse burnout and telomeres, a stress genomic biomarker. She concluded that it's essential to promote healthcare professionals' wellbeing, the foundation for high patient care quality.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Kaelyn Goatley

UofL freshman Kaelyn Goatley is the recipient of the Breonna Taylor Memorial Scholarship. A portion of her scholarship was funded in part by Thrive Causemetics Inc. Goatley says she plans to work as a labor and delivery nurse or in an area of pediatric care when she graduates.

[Read more about Goatley.](#)



Black Student Nurses Association

Black Student Nurses Association in collaboration with UofL Woodford Porter Scholars participated in the **“For the Love of Hariett”** breast cancer awareness event. The group developed 50 care packages that were given to survivors at the Brown Cancer Center. [Follow them](#) on Instagram to find out about upcoming events.



RNBow Pride

We introduced a new Recognized Student Organization (RSO). RNBow Group is working to make an impact on the Health Science Campus. RNBow is the nursing school's first LGBTQIA+ group charged to champion for **LGBTQIA+ students** and their allies, promote a safe space for nursing students, encourage retention and create a strong foundation for acceptance in the professional world.

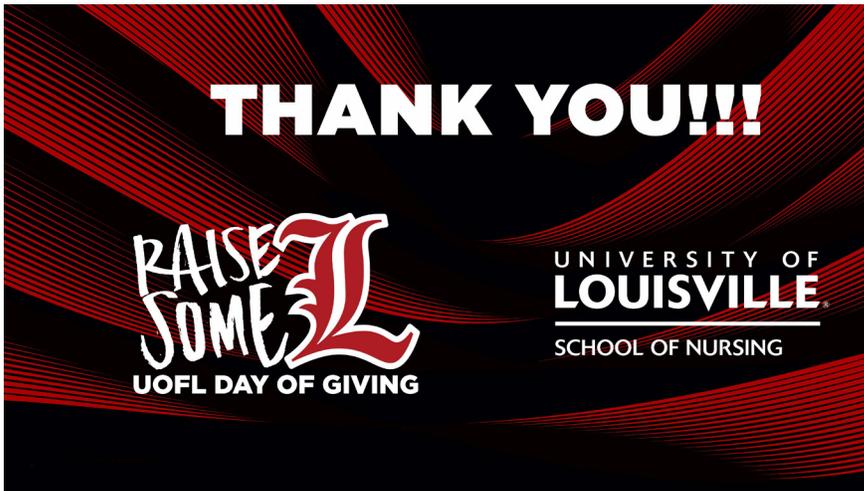
ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Dr. Ashley Anderson

Dr. Anderson was named the 2021 School of Nursing Alumni Fellow. Anderson said she always knew UofL would prepare her for the future. [Listen to what Anderson said about her personal experience at the School of Nursing.](#)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



It takes a village! Raise Some L 2021 was a huge success. We raised more than \$112,000 and doubled the amount of donors this year. Funds went toward the following areas: Nursing International Travel Fund, Gladys Childress Murray Scholarship, Community Education Engagement Projects and the Breonna Taylor Memorial Scholarship Endowment. Thank you for your support. Your generosity will help the next generation of Cardinal nurses SOAR!

California-based cosmetics company, Thrive Causemetics Inc., provided a major boost to the Breonna Taylor Memorial Scholarship Fund. A \$100,000 donation from Thrive Causemetics launched the Breonna Taylor Memorial Endowment Fund. The company hopes to inspire additional major gifts to reach a full endowment and ensure the scholarships perpetuity. The company also donated an additional \$3,000 toward an immediate-use scholarship, which was given to recipient Kaelyn Goatley. [Learn more about the donation and how you can get involved.](#)



RECOGNITION FOR BREONNA TAYLOR ENDOWMENT

The launch of the Breonna Taylor Memorial Endowment received recognition from numerous news outlets. Click on logos to read the articles.



OWENSBORO EXTENSION NOTES OF PRIDE



Congratulations to our Owensboro extension for being named Chamber of the Week by the Owensboro Times. Our Owensboro extension has grown exponentially since its conception in 2010. Currently, they are accepting applications for the accelerated, second-degree BSN program with the first cohort starting in May 2022. [Read the article.](#)

Kudos to our Owensboro extension! Their psychiatric mental health nursing students recently provided education about elder abuse and neglect to clients and staff members at the Senior Community Center of Owensboro Daviess County. This was a project the students fully developed from assessment to evaluation. [Read more](#) in the Messenger-Inquirer.



OWENSBORO NEW FACULTY AND STAFF



Victoria Ochoa

Victoria is the newest staff member at the Owensboro extension. She joined the team in October as the new Academic Counselor.



Robbie Boarman

Robbie joined the team in August as an instructor. His clinical specialty is Clinical Education and Simulation.



Dr. Amber Shearn

Dr. Shearn joined the team as an instructor in August. Her clinical specialty is Clinical Education and Critical Care.



Sarah Wooldridge

Sarah joined the team in August as an instructor. Her clinical specialty is Neonatal Intensive Care and Simulation.

EVENT NEWS

CARDINAL NURSES SERVING INTERNATIONALLY



We held an event called, “**Cardinal Nurses Serving Internationally,**” which provided more insight on our International Travel Program. The virtual event featured Cardinal nurses who shared the benefits of studying abroad. The forum also included featured speakers. Darrell Griffith, alumnus, former basketball player and president of the Darrell Griffith Foundation, was the moderator. [Watch the event.](#)

CONVOCATION



Congratulations to the graduating Class of 2021! All of their hardwork led to this proud moment. The School of Nursing held its first in-person convocation ceremony since the pandemic at the Brown Theatre in downtown Louisville. Family members, faculty and staff came together to celebrate their milestone.

BLOOD DRIVE



In October, the School of Nursing partnered with the American Red cross and hosted a blood drive. The blood drive responded to the emergency shortage of blood by donating 30 units. There were 27 total donors, 15 being first time donors. The drive was held in the School of Nursing’s simulation lab, so donors had the opportunity to see one of the spaces our faculty prepare students for the workforce. The next blood drive is scheduled for February 29, 2022. Mark your calendars and join us to make an impact and save lives.

BY THE NUMBERS

ENROLLMENT

Lower Division	470
Upper Division	557
Graduate programs	194

ENROLLMENT TRENDS

Ethnic Diversity of Student Body

White	71.3%
Non-white	28.7%

Gender Diversity of Student Body

Undergraduate	15% Male	85% Female
Graduate	15% Male	85% Female

Student Nurse Residency

Kentucky residents	83%
Out of State	17%



GRADUATION TRENDS

Anticipated degrees awarded in December 2021

BSN	93
DNP	2
MSN	1
PhD	1

****This unofficial data reflects Fall 2021**



DID YOU KNOW?

In 1973, The University of Louisville submitted a proposal to the Council on Public Higher Education of the Commonwealth of Kentucky for the establishment of a career ladder program in nursing education. The career ladder would allow students to obtain an Associate Degree in Nursing and then make the choice to either enter the workforce or continue two more years and obtain a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.



JOB OPENINGS

Do you know anyone interested in joining the Cardinal family? The university encompasses diverse perspectives that are devoted to teaching, learning and developing leaders. The School of Nursing has a number of open positions. For more information and how to apply, [click here](#).



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