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The Hood College

Department of Nursing

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Hood College's Department of Nursing provides the skills to meet the increasing complexity of health care in the 21st century, by giving you a foundation of liberal arts courses and supplemental nursing education focusing on leadership, research and evidence-based practice, critical thinking, nursing theory and communications.

Our department promotes the integration of nursing science, humanities and behavioral and physical sciences as a basis for nursing practice including clinical reasoning, critical thinking and judgment; prepares professional nurses who utilize the nursing process to provide safe, competent nursing care to culturally diverse clients across the lifespan; and enhances leadership and communication skills through participation as a collaborative member of a health care team.

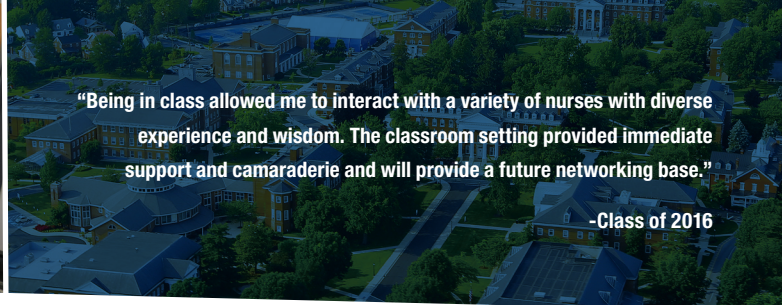
Facilities

As a nursing student at Hood, you'll have access to our state-of-the-art facilities, including a 25-seat computer lab/classroom and six patient rooms, which simulate a six-room hospital suite. Each room is fully equipped with patient monitors, simulated oxygen, suctioning and hospital beds for patient care, using Laerdal Simulation manikins.

The hospital-like rooms can be converted into intensive care, pediatric, obstetric and patient-centered care rooms. Simulation scenarios and debriefing sessions are used to teach you the latest evidence-based practice, while enhancing your critical thinking skills.

Each patient room contains cameras for recording simulations and broadcasting them to the classroom. The simulation control room allows the coordinator to operate the manikins from a different room, while allowing the student to care for the manikin as if it were a real patient in a real health care setting.

Our high-fidelity simulators include SimMom, which can simulate a full-term pregnancy with delivery, and SimMan Essential, which allows students to practice nursing skills from the most basic (vital signs, medication administration, etc.) to the most advanced critical care scenarios.



"Being in class allowed me to interact with a variety of nurses with diverse experience and wisdom. The classroom setting provided immediate support and camaraderie and will provide a future networking base."

-Class of 2016

The baccalaureate degree program in nursing at Hood College is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education and approved by the Maryland Board of Nursing and the Maryland Higher Education Commission.

The objective of the nursing program is to provide you with a high-quality educational experience that increases your professional aptitude, broadens your choices for career advancement and improves the quality of nursing both locally and regionally.

WHY GET YOUR BSN?

- In 2010 the Institute of Medicine called for 80 percent of the nursing workforce to hold at least a bachelor's degree by 2020, causing preparation for nurses at this level to become a national priority.
- According to a survey conducted by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing and based on completed responses from 509 schools of nursing, 30.1 percent of hospitals and other health care establishments are requiring new hires to have a bachelor's degree in nursing, while 76.6 percent of employers are expressing a strong preference for BSN program graduates.
- The nation's Magnet hospitals, which are recognized for nursing excellence and superior patient outcomes, required all nurse managers and nurse leaders to hold a baccalaureate or graduate degree in nursing by 2013. Hospitals applying for Magnet designation must also show what plans are in place to achieve the Institute of Medicine's recommendation of having 80 percent of its nursing workforce holding a baccalaureate or higher degree in nursing by 2020.
- According to the AARP's Center to Champion Nursing in America, the focus of health care delivery increasingly will be on primary prevention, long-term and palliative care emphasizing self care management and care coordination. Nurses will need preparation in models of transitional care, communication with multiple disciplines, technological expertise and knowledge of quality improvement mechanisms. Nurses are prepared for these skills for the future most often through baccalaureate and graduate education in nursing. Yet, 60 percent of practicing nurses enter the profession with an associate degree. This level of education, while an important contribution to the nursing workforce, does not create a strong pipeline for graduate level education. Simply put, Americans need more BSN, MSN and doctorally prepared nurses.



About Hood

Founded in 1893 in Frederick, Maryland, Hood College is a coeducational, independent, liberal arts college, which offers bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees and post-baccalaureate certificates. Home to approximately 1,200 undergraduate students from 25 states and 15 countries, Hood offers 32 majors, 50 minors, and pre-professional preparation in medicine, veterinary science, pharmacy, dentistry and law. Hood students experience small class sizes, where they receive individual attention from supportive faculty. With its proximity to Washington, D.C., Baltimore and the I-270 biotech corridor, students have access to countless internships and research opportunities.

At Hood, we are challenging students to improve their critical thinking, communication and collaborative skills and preparing them not just for their first jobs, but for their careers. For high-achieving students, we offer a four-year honors program with a living and learning setting expanding the curriculum with an emphasis on interdisciplinary education through discussion-based seminars, collaborative projects and experiential learning opportunities. Eighty-five percent of first-year students live on campus; more than 40 campus clubs and organizations as well as 22 NCAA Division III athletic teams and two club-level athletic teams create an active and vibrant campus environment.

In addition to its exceptional undergraduate program, Hood's professionally oriented graduate school offers 19 master's degrees, 10 certificate programs and two doctoral programs. Our graduate programs are designed to work in tandem with our bachelor's degrees so that students can take advantage of five-year, dual-degree programs. Hood is located in a fantastic college town; students are within walking distance of shops, galleries and restaurants and a vibrant downtown. A tremendous alumni network offers students and graduates mentoring, connections, guidance and advice. The Princeton Review, U.S. News & World Report and many other publications have recognized Hood as an affordable top-tier institution.

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