Points of pride

The Ohio State University College of Nursing

Transforming health, transforming lives

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Our vision

The Ohio State University College of Nursing is the world’s preeminent college known for accomplishing what is considered impossible through its transformational leadership and innovation in nursing and health, evidence-based practice and unsurpassed wellness.

Our mission

We exist to revolutionize healthcare and promote the highest levels of wellness in diverse individuals and communities throughout the nation and globe through innovative and transformational education, research, and evidence-based clinical practice.

Our core goals

Produce the highest caliber of nurses, leaders and health professionals equipped to effectively promote health, impact policy and transform healthcare across culturally diverse individuals, groups and communities.

Transform healthcare to positively impact and sustain wellness through transdisciplinary and innovative education, research and evidence-based clinical practice.

Ensure that all students, faculty, and staff engage in healthy lifestyle behaviors and promote the highest levels of wellness in diverse individuals, groups and communities.

Foster collaborative, entrepreneurial initiatives with local, national and international partners to improve healthcare and health outcomes.

Support faculty, staff and students to achieve their highest career aspirations by sustaining a positive and extraordinary culture of wellness and excellence to the point where everyone wants to come here to teach, conduct research, practice and to learn.
The college’s nursing programs

BSN, RN to BSN Option
MS, Graduate Entry Option
PhD
DNP

Fellows of the American Academy of Nursing (FAAN)

20 faculty and emeritus faculty and 16 alumni
(Elected in a highly competitive process recognizing individuals who have achieved notable national impact in the field)

Student enrollment
(Autumn 2012 projected)
Pre-Nursing 330
Traditional BSN 485
RN to BSN 223
MS (Graduate Entry) 225
MS (post-BSN) 200
PhD 30
DNP 60
Total students 1,553

Living alumni
More than 11,000

College of Nursing: By the numbers

Degrees awarded (2011-2012)
BSN 270
MS 114
PhD 4
DNP 4

Faculty and staff
Total faculty 119
Administrative staff 43

The College of Nursing’s centers of excellence

Center for Transdisciplinary Evidence-based Practice (CTEP)
The basis for CTEP is evidence-based practice (EBP) and research, a problem-solving approach to healthcare delivery that integrates the best evidence from well-designed studies and patient care data and combines it with patient preferences, values, and clinician expertise.

Transformational Learning Academy in Nursing & Health (TLA)
The TLA provides learner-centered interprofessional continuing education opportunities for healthcare professionals. The academy offers distance education courses, as well as conferences, workshops, and online non-contact hour bearing courses on a variety of health topics for lifelong learning.

Leadership Academy for Peak Performance (LAPP)
LAPP faculty teach innovation leadership and transformational skills to aspiring healthcare leaders and nurse managers. During immersion experiences and on-line offerings with 12 months of coaching, nurses and interprofessional clinicians learn to understand themselves as leaders, how to innovatively transform teams and environments for peak performance, and how to balance their energy, tools, and talents.

Center for Promoting Health in Infants, Children, Adolescents, and Women (PHICAW)
PHICAW works to improve health outcomes in these high-risk populations by developing project metrics that measure outcomes, support dissemination of research through publications and presentations, facilitate grants, and expand its outreach into the community.

Chief wellness officer and dean: Health and wellness goals

When The Ohio State University appointed Bernadette Mazurek Melnyk, PhD, RN, CPNP/PMHNP, FNAP, FAAN, as dean of the College of Nursing, it also designated her as the university’s chief wellness officer and associate vice president for health promotion, the first position of its kind at any major US university. She is in charge of spearheading campus and community health promotion and wellness initiatives to enhance the health of university members, and to prevent physical and mental health disorders among faculty, staff and students.

Among Dr. Melnyk’s goals:

■ Make Ohio State a global model for other higher education institutions as the healthiest university
■ Co-lead the university’s Health & Wellness Discovery Theme and the One University Health and Wellness Council of university and medical center leaders with a vision to make Ohio State the healthiest university on the globe
■ Advance a culture and context for wellness at the university
■ Develop evidence-based programs and policies that will promote the highest level of wellness in university faculty, staff and students
■ Collaborate with community partners to foster healthy communities
■ Encourage engagement through Buckeye Wellness, Buckeye Wellness Packs, Buckeye Wellness Tips
New initiatives at the College of Nursing

Recent firsts

- Dr. Bernadette Mazurek Melnyk was named the first chief wellness officer of a US university.
- The Ohio State University and the College of Nursing hosted the first US Healthiest HealthLead Forum in June 2012. High-level representatives from the public, business, and academic sectors discussed best practices in worksite health management and well-being as a sustainable business strategy, and the importance of healthy workplaces for a healthier nation. Ohio State was the first academic institution to take part in the HealthLead assessment, receiving a bronze rating for its wellness initiatives across campus.
- Dr. Richard Carmona, 17th US Surgeon General, was appointed distinguished professor, focused on health promotion and entrepreneurship, at the College of Nursing.
- Ohio State is the first national higher education partner of the Million Hearts™ campaign, a series of screening events to help prevent one million heart attacks and strokes over five years. Dean Bernadette M. Melnyk was invited to the White House in early 2012 to take part in the Million Hearts briefing conducted by Janet Wright, MD, executive director. These efforts are crucial to changing healthcare at Ohio State and nationally.

Interprofessional practice and education

The College of Nursing is slated to launch its first Ohio State Total Health and Wellness Center at University Hospital East this year. The new clinical practice will be instrumental in expanding transdisciplinary providers with the skills necessary to care for vulnerable populations. The innovative center will provide team-based comprehensive care and clinical education opportunities for health professional students. Physical and mental healthcare will be integrated at the center and healthy lifestyle programs provided in order to improve the local community’s health and wellness outcomes.

Health Athlete

Health Athlete, an initiative to promote health and wellness in nurses, healthcare professionals, faculty, and staff, was recently begun. Developed in collaboration with Johnson & Johnson, the program was developed as the Human Performance Institute’s (HPI) Corporate Athlete program based on 30 years of proprietary research and training with top-performing athletes and Fortune 500 executives. The program offers methods to improve performance for staff through nutrition, exercise, and energy management.