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**MISSION**
...to prepare nurses by promoting
- Creative teaching by fostering curiosity to learn through engaging students in scholarship or inquiry and practice and dissemination thereof;
- Courage to serve through collaborative practice, professional leadership, and advocacy for the sake of patient care;
- Compassionate care for clients served in multiple and diverse settings;
- Respect for all peoples through cultural awareness in order to provide competent nursing care to diverse populations
- Life long learning and commitment to the advancement of the nursing profession.

**School of Nursing Milestones**
- First nursing program in the region to offer a state-of-the-art Simulated Learning Center, featuring exam and patient rooms, an obstetric suite, an intravenous simulator, and Human Patient Simulators (mannequins that mimic human vital signs and conditions, including giving birth)
- First nursing program in the nation to provide instruction on the Pyxis MedStation
- We offer the nurse-managed Community Nursing Services clinic at the SIUE East St. Louis Center, providing affordable primary health care and education to surrounding communities

**Facts**

**Clinical Programs:** Contracts established with 800 health care agencies

**Fall 2007 Demographics:** 87% Female; 13% Male; 8% Black Non-Hispanic; 2% Asian/Pacific Islander; 1.5% Hispanic

**Alumni:** More than 4,700

**Years as a Baccalaureate Degree Awarding Program:** 42

**Curriculum:** Provides a foundation in the liberal arts and sciences that develop critical thinking and effective writing skills—much needed attributes of a successful nurse—combined with laboratory and experiential learning.

Our newly revised undergraduate curriculum fosters creativity and self-reliance through mentorship, portfolio development, learning through community service connected to the nursing profession, and completion of a meaningful senior project that has personal and professional development components.

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