



**SHENANDOAH**  
UNIVERSITY

Eleanor Wade Custer School of Nursing

# **SCHOOL OF NURSING**



*2023 Transfer & Accelerated 2nd Degree Tracks*



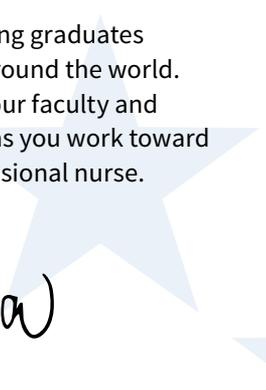
## **MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN**

**The world needs intelligent, caring and well-educated nurses to lead, coordinate and provide care to diverse populations.**

Health care challenges are becoming increasingly more apparent in communities and populations across the nation and around the world. Social determinants of health, education, economics and policies contribute to complexities in health care delivery. Nurses are true heroes as they provide care on the front lines, changing and improving the health of those within their care.

With a strong legacy built over more than 50 distinguished years, Shenandoah University's Eleanor Wade Custer School of Nursing prepares students to think critically and reach personal and professional excellence. Our faculty have varied clinical expertise that they are genuinely excited to share with students who are learning to meet the health care needs of the future.

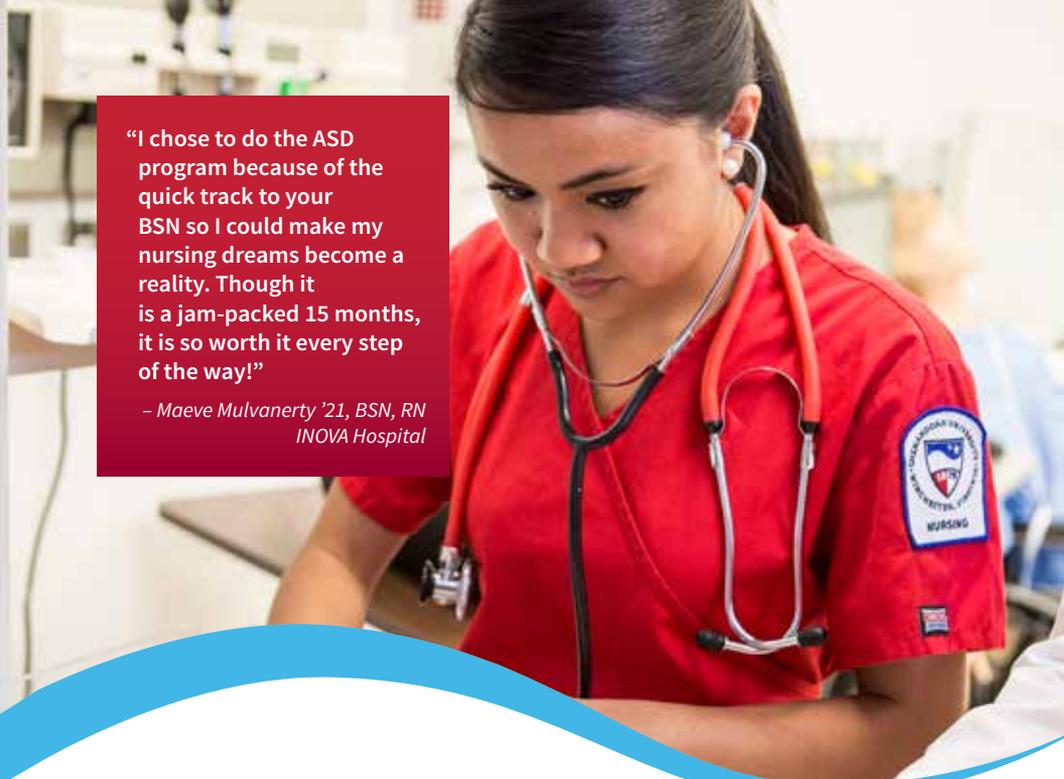
I am so very proud of our nursing graduates who are making a difference around the world. I believe in our programs and our faculty and encourage you to consider us as you work toward your goal of becoming a professional nurse.



*Lisa M. Levinson*

**Lisa Levinson, MSN, RN**  
Interim Dean and Assistant Professor  
Eleanor Wade Custer School of Nursing





“I chose to do the ASD program because of the quick track to your BSN so I could make my nursing dreams become a reality. Though it is a jam-packed 15 months, it is so worth it every step of the way!”

– Maeve Mulvanerty '21, BSN, RN  
INOVA Hospital

## ***NURSING IS AN ESSENTIAL***

profession in the delivery of health care, with tremendous possibilities and options for career growth. Registered nurses make up the largest part of the health care profession. Nurses are critical members of health care teams and they have provided essential care to millions during the coronavirus pandemic. A student with a strong academic background in math and sciences, and the ability to recognize and address problems, will find nursing a rewarding, lifelong profession. Shenandoah-educated nurses demonstrate skills in professional nursing care delivery, management and leadership as well as values consistent with holistic and ethical delivery.

The mission of the School of Nursing is to educate lifelong learners who are inspired by global health ideals and who provide evidence-based, compassionate, holistic care and promote wellness to diverse populations.

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# BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

## Transfer BSN

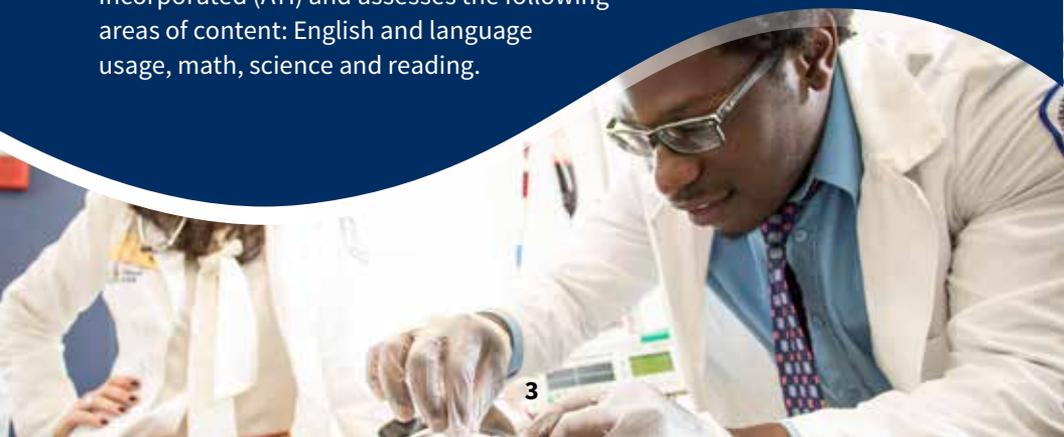
The transfer BSN track is designed for students who want to transfer credits from other colleges and universities into Shenandoah's BSN program. Applicants for the transfer track are strongly encouraged to apply early to work with the Office of Admissions to complete all prerequisite and general education requirements. We will work closely with you to make sure you are taking the right courses to fulfill the prerequisite requirements. Additionally, applicants must successfully pass the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) exam. These requirements must be completed and fulfilled before an applicant can be considered for admission.

## Campus Locations

The transfer BSN track is offered at the Winchester main campus, Fall Term (August) start only.

## ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)

Undergraduate nursing student applicants, with the exception of the ASD students, must complete the TEAS, a nationally standardized test. The TEAS exam is produced by Assessment Technologies Incorporated (ATI) and assesses the following areas of content: English and language usage, math, science and reading.



## Accelerated Second Degree (ASD) BSN

Shenandoah offers a 15-month (4 consecutive semesters), full-time, rigorous, fast track for the individual who has earned a bachelor's degree — and possibly worked for many years — in another field. This accelerated second degree (ASD) track provides you with the necessary skills and knowledge for entry-level nursing positions in a variety of settings. Because of the intensity of the program, it is strongly recommended that you study full time and not work while enrolled in this accelerated program of study. Prior to full acceptance, you must complete all prerequisite and general education requirements.

### Campus Locations

The ASD BSN track is offered at

- Our Scholar Plaza, Loudoun, site in Leesburg, Virginia, Fall Term (August) and Spring Term (January) starts.
- Our Winchester main campus, Fall Term (August) start only.

### RN to BSN (Online)

Our RN-to-BSN track is currently under revision and is not enrolling any students for the Fall 2023 term.





# ***ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS***

Applicants must meet all general Shenandoah University admission requirements and specific requirements for the Eleanor Wade Custer School of Nursing, including prerequisite courses in the sciences, mathematics and humanities. Students are selected using a variety of measures, including an evaluation of college/university transcripts, test scores and other indicators of ability to be successful in the program.

- Students are encouraged to apply as early as possible and should apply while they are working on prerequisite courses.
- Applicants need a minimum overall cumulative GPA of 3.0 and a minimum GPA of 3.0 in required science courses.
- A maximum of two different science courses may be reattempted one time each to achieve the required GPA. An attempt is defined as any enrollment in a course that results in completion, withdrawal, or an incomplete.



## Transfer Applicant Admission Cycles

- **SPRING 2023**

Application due for the Spring 2023 term by October 1, 2022. Courses begin January 21, 2023.

- **FALL 2023**

Application due for the Fall 2023 term by February 1, 2023. Courses begin August 28, 2023.

- **SPRING 2024**

Application due for the Spring 2024 term by October 1, 2023. Courses begin January 20, 2024.

Once enrolled in the program, all students are required to undergo a criminal background check and random urine drug screenings, as well as maintain current, required immunizations.

**“My Shenandoah nursing education prepared me to be a caring healer in my career by exposing me to people from many different environments so I know that it’s about treating the patient and not the disease. Each individual is unique and needs personalized care so that they can get the proper care they need.”**

*– Benjamin Crowder '20, BSN, RN  
Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota*



# ***ADVANTAGES OF EARNING A BSN AT SHENANDOAH UNIVERSITY***

Today's health care environment requires well-educated, caring nurses. Shenandoah's program, with its experienced nurse-educators and state-of-the-art technology, produces graduates ready to sit for their licensure exams and prepared to build rewarding, satisfying careers. Many of our alumni also return as graduate students to enhance their skills and grow as nurse-leaders.

The Eleanor Wade Custer School of Nursing offers programs at the bachelor's, master's, post-master's and doctoral levels. We're proud to prepare nurses and nurse-leaders working in all levels of the profession.



## Health & Life Sciences Building

Come study in our state-of-the-art, 71,000-square-foot science facility. The HLSB offers premier academic classrooms and specialized nursing labs. Our many specialized skills labs are where students practice and hone their skills prior to starting clinical rotations, enabling them to learn the most from their clinical preceptors. It's also where students, faculty and staff – as well as community members – come to meet and learn together in study rooms or faculty offices, including the Halpin Rotunda, which is used for special events and to showcase student and faculty research.



## Scholar Plaza, Loudoun

Scholar Plaza, Loudoun, in Leesburg, Virginia, fosters innovation and collaboration by design. Accelerated Second Degree BSN students study at a facility featuring specialized nursing labs with simulation equipment, providing students in this rigorous program with the environment needed for success. Students are supported by accessible faculty and collaborative study and meeting spaces.

**“SHENANDOAH GOES ABOVE AND BEYOND WITH TEACHING AND WILL STOP AT NOTHING TO MAKE SURE YOU UNDERSTAND MATERIAL GIVEN TO YOU.”**

*– Nicole Kunkel '20, BSN, RN  
Inova Hospital System, Loudoun County, Virginia*



“I had just finished the fifth week of the first semester of the ASD nursing program when I got an unexpected call from my brother that my mom had suddenly passed away. Within the first few days after my mom passed away, I was also contacted by someone in the spiritual life department offering to talk to me if I needed to talk. I was also able to speak to one of my professors who was teaching the nursing psych class I was in and she helped me process through the different options of returning right away, coming back one semester later or waiting indefinitely to begin again. She also helped me with some counseling referrals. The ASD Nursing program is VERY intense. I don’t think I could have been successful at restarting this type of program without the added support I have received from SU. Several of the students who were in the cohort I started with have continued to support me in my journey of beginning again. My adviser has been an available support person I can turn to if I need to cry or get encouragement to continue pressing on. All of the faculty I have had have been so supportive, not just of me, but of all the students in our program.”

– Amy Eckrote '23

# ***FACULTY MAKE THE DIFFERENCE***

There's a special bond between Shenandoah University students and their professors. You'll enjoy close relationships with faculty members who will mentor you in and out of the classroom. This is a hallmark of our nursing education.

Shenandoah's experienced and practicing faculty take every opportunity to provide you with the academic foundation you'll need to meet the standards of and rising expectations for practice in the nursing profession. They provide an environment where you can be inquisitive, grow and excel.

## **Engaging Faculty**

**Nursing Lecturer Azman Sabet, MSN, RN**, has cardiopulmonary and renal expertise and is a Progressive Care Certified Nurse, as well as ACLS and NIH Stroke Scale Certified.

**Lesley McCorry, MSN, RN**, has more than two decades of experience in critical health care management and nursing education, with expertise in neonatal intensive care.

**Assistant Professor of Nursing Selena Truban, DNP, RN, CRNN**, teaches in medical-surgical nursing and health assessment. She also has expertise in the areas of critical care and home health nursing.



# HANDS-ON LEARNING

## Simulation Technology

Shenandoah University uses high- and low-fidelity simulation equipment in laboratories that enhance student learning. Simulation technology, in the form of human models/manikins, allows faculty members to design specific events or scenarios that simulate actual clinical situations and

events. This technology provides an interactive, educational approach to teaching theory, assessment, technology skills, pharmacology and decision-making in a safe environment that allows you to apply and integrate knowledge, skills and critical thinking.

## Outstanding Clinical Preceptors

Shenandoah University enjoys collaborative relationships with many regional hospitals and, in addition to our full-time faculty, our clinical preceptors are some of the finest practitioners in the region. Nursing students study with clinical preceptors at:

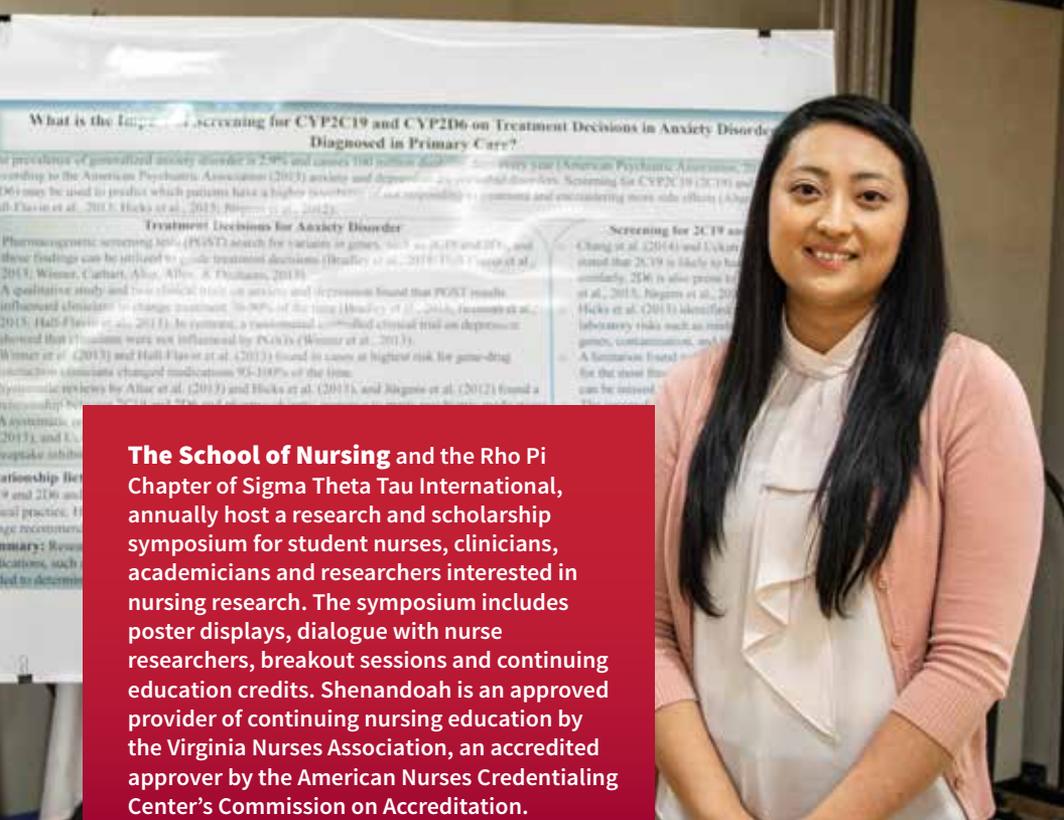
- Valley Health System
- Inova Health System
- Martinsburg Veterans Affairs Medical Center
- Hospital Corporation of America
- And an additional 250 affiliated clinical locations

## Interprofessional Experience

The Eleanor Wade Custer School of Nursing fosters interdisciplinary learning and practice through collaboration with our other health care programs, including pharmacy, physician assistant

studies, physical and occupational therapy, athletic training, public health and music therapy.





**The School of Nursing and the Rho Pi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International, annually host a research and scholarship symposium for student nurses, clinicians, academicians and researchers interested in nursing research. The symposium includes poster displays, dialogue with nurse researchers, breakout sessions and continuing education credits. Shenandoah is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the Virginia Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.**

# PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Several organizations support the academic and professional development of nursing students as well as facilitate volunteer activities.

**Student Nurses Association (SNA) and National Student Nurses Association (NSNA)** are pre-professional organizations open to all nursing students.

**Rho Pi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI)** is Shenandoah University's chapter of the distinguished national honor society with a focus on leadership recognition and scholarship.

**Nurses Christian Fellowship (NCF)** is a student-run, faith-based nursing organization.

Our **Nursing Peer Mentors program** provides peer support that facilitates nursing student connectedness, progress, retention and successful completion.



# REPUTATION FOR NURSING EXCELLENCE

“I have no words to express my gratitude to the faculty and staff at Shenandoah who helped me in more ways than one. I won’t ever forget their hard work, dedication and patience toward me and my cohort. They helped us achieve our dreams and I will forever be grateful!”

– Fleure Fraser '19, BSN, RN

**Shenandoah University enjoys a** strong reputation locally, regionally and nationally. Our nursing graduates are recognized within the health care community as knowledgeable, capable and able to excel in the workplace. In addition, many return after graduation to pursue master’s degrees, post-master’s certificates and doctoral degrees.

## Shenandoah-Trained Nurses are Ready to Respond to Every Emergency

Today’s nurses never know when emergencies will strike and they will need to take quick, calculated actions. Shenandoah nurses are prepared to tackle crises. We require nursing students take our unique Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Nursing course.

“Shenandoah has educated over 1,700 student nurses in emergency preparedness and disaster nursing. It’s important, because if they’re not prepared and don’t have the basic foundational knowledge of disaster nursing, leadership and response within the health care system, they will not be at their best when a real crisis occurs.”

– Assistant Professor of Nursing Kathleen Eid-Heberle, Ph.D., RN



## BSN Program Outcomes

1. **Synthesize** knowledge from the liberal arts, sciences, and nursing science as a basis for professional nursing practice.
2. **Apply** evolving information technology to monitor health care outcomes.
3. **Integrate** concepts of illness prevention/wellness, quality, safety, ethics and leadership into professional nursing practice.
4. **Demonstrate** effective communication and collaboration with patients, families and interprofessional teams.
5. **Deliver** safe, quality nursing care to diverse populations.
6. **Advocate** for institutional, professional, and governmental policies to influence positive health care outcomes of diverse populations.
7. **Integrate** evidence-based research into professional nursing practice to provide quality care to families and communities.

*The baccalaureate degree in nursing at Shenandoah University is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, 655 K Street NW, Suite 750, Washington, D.C., 20001, 202-887-6791. Approved by the Virginia State Board of Nursing.*

## NCLEX Pass Rates

NCLEX first-time pass rates are updated every quarter and are consistently above the national average. Find our most recent pass rates at [su.edu/nursing](http://su.edu/nursing).

# ***SHENANDOAH FACTS***

- Established 1875
- 2,203 undergraduate students
- Student-to-faculty ratio: 10 to 1
- 25% of degree-seeking domestic students are multiracial, African American, American Indian, Asian American, Hispanic or Pacific Islander

## **Nursing Facts**

- Nursing students participate in varied clinical experiences both in in-patient hospital and community-based settings, highlighted by a senior preceptorship experience in their last semester.
- Many nursing students study abroad and travel internationally on experiential learning and mission trips. Recent trips have taken students to Spain, Haiti, Brazil and the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland.
- Nursing students are actively engaged in community service projects, including a community wellness fair, Relay For Life and food drives.



Spring Break  
Medical Mission  
Trip on the  
Amazon River



## **Contact the Office of Admissions**

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