

FIU Doctor of Nursing Practice program breaks into the Top 50 of U.S. News & World Report's Best Graduate Schools for 2020

FIU Graduate Nursing program jumps 10 spots to No. 56

MIAMI (March 13, 2019) – Two nursing programs from Florida International University (FIU) [Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing & Health Sciences](#) are ranked among U.S. News & World Report's 2020 Best Graduate Schools. The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program holds the No. 50 position, while the Graduate Nursing (master's) program came in at No. 56 in the rankings released by the national news publisher on March 12, 2019.

The FIU DNP was introduced in 2012, and this is the second year the program has ranked in the Top 50 of the authoritative listing. The FIU Graduate Nursing program, which has been a mainstay on the list since debuting in the 2016 Best Graduate Schools Guidebook, achieved a 10-spot jump from the previous year's standing.

"The rise of our advanced nursing programs in national reputation is a notable feat, but by no means a surprise to us," said Ora L. Strickland, dean of the Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing & Health Sciences. "It is a direct reflection of a shared pursuit from students to administrators to set higher standards of academic excellence through exceptional achievements in teaching, research and scholarly productivity and student outcomes."

The magazine evaluated 14 key indicators for the rankings including peer assessments, student selectivity and class size, student-faculty ratio, faculty credentials, degrees awarded, average GPAs, and total research funding granted.

The Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing & Health Sciences offers accredited DNP, Master of Science (MSN) degrees and post-master's certificates for advanced nursing practice concentrations in:

- Adult-Gerontology Health
- Family Health
- Child Health
- Psychiatric-Mental Health
- Nurse Education

For more about FIU's Top 100 ranked programs, please [click here](#).

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About the FIU Nicole Wertheim College Nursing & Health Sciences:

Established in 1982, the School of Nursing at Florida International University (FIU) in Miami, Florida was elevated to the [College of Nursing and Health Sciences](#) when it joined with the School of Health Sciences in October 2006. It was renamed as the Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing & Health Sciences in September 2013. The College offers undergraduate, graduate and doctoral degrees, as well as specialty certificates in programs across the departments of [Nursing education](#), [Athletic Training](#), [Communication Sciences & Disorders](#), [Health Services Administration](#), [Occupational Therapy](#) and [Physical Therapy](#). The College's Doctor of Nursing Practice program and Master of Science in Nursing programs are ranked No. 50 and No. 56, respectively, in the U.S. News and World Report 2020 Best Graduate Schools listing. For more information, visit cnhs.fiu.edu.

About FIU:

Florida International University, a public university located in Miami, has a passion for student success and community solutions. The university is classified by Carnegie as “R1.” FIU is among the top 100 public universities in U.S. News and World Report’s 2019 Best Colleges and 18 academic programs are individually ranked. FIU was recently ranked as the second-best performing university in Florida and graduates are among the highest-paid in the state. FIU has multiple state-of-the-art research facilities including the Wall of Wind Research and Testing Facility and FIU’s Medina Aquarius Program. FIU has awarded more than 330,000 degrees since 1972 and enrolls more than 57,000 students in two campuses and centers including FIU Downtown on Brickell, FIU@I-75, the Miami Beach Urban Studios, and sites in Qingdao and Tianjin, China. FIU also supports artistic and cultural engagement through its three museums: Patricia & Phillip Frost Art Museum, the Wolfsonian-FIU, and the Jewish Museum of Florida-FIU. FIU is a member of Conference USA with more than 400 student-athletes participating in 18 sports. For more information about FIU, visit www.fiu.edu.