Pioneers in nursing education

Expanding the School of Nursing
Expanding opportunities
For almost 100 years, the University of Rochester School of Nursing (SON) has offered a multitude of high quality educational and research programs, preparing generations of nurses to meet the changing needs of patients and families in a complex and diverse health care environment.

While the demand for nurses continues to grow, our enrollment has increased to a record-high approximately 800 students, up from 500 in 2015. Technology is now infused into all aspects of the nursing curriculum, making upgraded lab space, state-of-the-art equipment, and assessment rooms more important than ever.

To accommodate growing class sizes and the need for more experiential learning spaces, we have launched an addition to the historic Helen Wood Hall. The new three-story, 26,000 square-foot expansion will transform our building to include a 20-bed skills lab, four state-of-the-art simulation labs with high fidelity mannequins, augmented and virtual reality (extended reality) equipment, and a combination of clinical and experiential learning classrooms to promote a collaborative and active learning environment. These innovative educational experiences will enhance students’ critical thinking skills and clinical judgment to develop exceptional nurses.

Please join us as we invest in SON’s future. With your generosity, we will ensure that we continue to provide our students with the highest-quality education and lead the nation in nursing workforce development.

Thank you for considering the funding opportunities that will bring this exciting project to life.

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The University of Rochester School of Nursing was built on the pioneering concept of unifying nursing education, research, and practice. Today, that tradition is infused with technology, while maintaining a clear focus on patients, families, and the well-being of our communities. This expansion will help us to remain a leader in workforce development and meet the ever-growing need for nurses.

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—KATHY H. RIDEOUT, EDD, PPCNP-BC, FNAP
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University of Rochester Medical Center
Dean and professor of clinical nursing,
School of Nursing
Pediatric advanced practice nurse,
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Fast facts

We rank 23rd among nursing schools in research funding received from the National Institutes of Health.

More than 90 percent of our clinical faculty, including Dean Kathy Rideout, actively practice in the nursing field.

Our students complete 700 clinical hours and 90 lab hours in our 12-month APNN program, more than most baccalaureate programs.

We rank 26th in the 2022 Best Nursing Schools: Master’s guide produced by U.S. News and World Report.

For more information on supporting the expansion project and available naming opportunities, please contact Andrea Allen, director of advancement and alumni relations, at andrea.allen@rochester.edu.