

# UR NURSING SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Participating UR Medicine Hospital Information



The UR Nursing Scholars program provides students with the unique opportunity to launch their nursing careers at one of three distinguished UR Medicine hospitals: **Strong Memorial Hospital, Highland Hospital, or F.F. Thompson Hospital**. As part of the program, students commit to a three-year work term at a chosen hospital before they begin the 12-Month Accelerated Bachelor's in Nursing (ABSN) program. To help you make an informed choice, the comparison chart below highlights key features of each hospital, allowing you to select the environment that aligns with your career aspirations and personal preferences.

Hospital	Strong Memorial Hospital	Highland Hospital	F.F. Thompson Hospital
Size	897 beds	261 beds, 26 observation beds	113 beds
Location	Rochester, NY	Rochester, NY	Canandaigua, NY
Participating Areas for UR Nursing Scholars*	Adult acute care (medical & surgical), behavioral health, cancer, cardiology, neurology, observation, perioperative	Adult acute care (medical & surgical), emergency department, complex care, observation, operating room	Adult acute care (medical & surgical), emergency department, intensive care, observation
About the Hospital	Research-oriented, academic teaching hospital	Acute care community hospital, closely affiliated with academic medical center partners	Acute care community hospital, serves Finger Lakes region with three urgent care centers
Professional Growth	All hospitals offer career advancement opportunities, flexible scheduling, continuing education (tuition benefits), comprehensive health & dental benefits, mentoring, and leadership opportunities (with slight variations among offerings)		
Recognition & Awards	Five-time Magnet Designated; first in the Rochester region  LGBTQ+ Healthcare Equality High Performer  Age-Friendly Health System (AFHS) Certification	Magnet Designation in 2011, 2016, 2021  LGBTQ+ Healthcare Equality High Performer  Age-Friendly Health System (AFHS) Certification  Twice designated by ANCC for Nurse Residency Program	Magnet Designation in 2004, 2010, 2015, 2021  LGBTQ+ Healthcare Equality High Performer  One of Becker's '150 Top Places to Work in Healthcare'  "Best Overall Leadership" in Rochester Business Journal poll
Unique Features	Houses Wilmot Cancer Institute, Golisano Children's Hospital, Del Monte Institute for Neuroscience Research  Region's only Level 1 Trauma Center and dedicated Burn Center, five urgent care centers	Brand-new patient tower for surgery (July 2023)  Nurturing, small community feel, nurses maintain high clinical standards and collaborate closely with provider and ancillary teams in a fast paced environment	Close-knit, free (close) parking, family environment  Situated close to picturesque Canandaigua Lake

\* Typical participating areas or departments available to UR Nursing Scholars as of July 2025. Subject to change.

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