

Mission:

The mission of Clemson University School of Nursing, as a preeminent scholarly center of learning and research excellence, is to educate students at the baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral levels to become healthcare professionals who transform lives through research/scholarship, practice, and outreach.

Vision:

Clemson University School of Nursing will elevate nursing and healthcare through leadership, research/scholarship, and practice to maximize the health and quality-of-life for the people of South Carolina, the nation, and the global community.

Core Principles/Values:

Excellence and Innovation in Education and Research

We strive for academic and scholarly excellence by fostering critical thinking, innovation, and research that advance nursing science and healthcare practices.

Transformative Leadership and Professionalism

We prepare ethical, compassionate leaders who shape the future of healthcare through evidence-based practice, advocacy, and lifelong learning.

Community Engagement and Service

We are committed to improving health outcomes through meaningful outreach, collaboration, and culturally competent care at local, national, and global levels.

Ethics, Integrity, and Accountability

We uphold the principles of ethics, integrity and accountability in all aspects of nursing education, research, and clinical practice.

Goal 1 – Enrich the Student Experience through Excellence in Nursing Education

The School of Nursing will deliver a competency-based, comprehensive educational experience that fosters professional identity, clinical excellence, and personal growth across all degree levels. Through experiential learning, faculty mentorship, and academic support, we will prepare students to thrive in varied healthcare settings.

1.1 Improve student engagement and satisfaction metrics

1.2 Maintain NCLEX and certification pass rates above the state and national averages

1.3 Sustain retention and degree completion rates across programs

*AACN Alignment: Domains 1, 9, 10
University Pillar: Student Experience
CBSHS Goal 1: Learn and Thrive*

Goal 2 - Expand Nursing Science and Interdisciplinary Research

We will cultivate a vibrant research culture that supports faculty and student scholarship, advances nursing knowledge, and contributes to evidence-based practice and health policy reform. Partnerships with interdisciplinary teams will be optimized to address complex health challenges at local, state, and national levels.

2.1 Grow in funded research and scholarly output

2.2 Increase student involvement in research initiatives

2.3 Expand collaborations across academic and healthcare institutions

*AACN Alignment: Domains 3, 4, 6
University Pillar: Increase Research
CBSHS Goal 2: Investigate and Innovate*

Goal 3 – Lead Community-Engaged Health Transformation

The School of Nursing will strengthen its role as a catalyst for health equity and community well-being by designing and leading outreach initiatives that address health disparities, promote prevention, and improve access to care—particularly in underserved and rural areas.

3.1 Sustain community partnerships and outreach programs through engagement in population health

3.2 Address the workforce shortage by preparing skilled nursing professionals through innovative education, experiential learning, and healthcare industry partnerships

3.3 Integrate service-learning and public health experiences into curricula

*AACN Alignment: Domains 2, 3, 7, 8
University Pillar: Transforming Lives Statewide and Beyond
CBSHS Goal 3: Build People and Communities*

Goal 4 – Prepare Nursing Leaders to Shape the Future of Healthcare

We will prepare students to become transformative leaders in healthcare through curricula grounded in ethics, quality improvement, systems thinking, and interprofessional collaboration. Graduates will be equipped to lead change, influence policy, and champion innovation in nursing practice and education.

4.1 Increase faculty, student, and alumni engagement in leadership and policy roles

4.2 Integrate leadership-focused curriculum at all program levels

4.3 Enhance leadership development through simulation and experiential learning

*AACN Alignment: Domains 5, 9, 10
University Pillars: Student Experience, Increase Research, Transforming Lives
CBSHS Goal 3: Build People and Communities*

About the School of Nursing:

The Clemson University School of Nursing is a nationally recognized program focused on equipping students to make a tangible difference in healthcare. As we prepare nurses for professional practice and advance nursing scholarship, we are shaping the future of nursing and healthcare — and advancing health and quality of life in South Carolina, the nation and beyond.

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