

Nursing Career Opportunities

A broad range of career opportunities are available to students completing the BSN or MSN programs at TCNJ, including direct care in a variety of settings, case management, administration, clinical leadership, health policy, and specialty practice. Baccalaureate graduates are prepared to pursue graduate education and master's graduates are equipped to continue in doctoral study.

Nursing Program Highlights

- All nursing programs are fully accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education and the BSN program is accredited by the New Jersey State Board of Nursing
- Direct admission to undergraduate nursing majors
- Outstanding pass rate for the RN-National Council for Licensing Exam (99.9 percent first or second time pass rate over 10 year period)
- BSN students are TCNJ's highest starting salary group upon graduation (\$60,000 average)
- High success rate for graduates seeking employment and admission to advanced degree programs



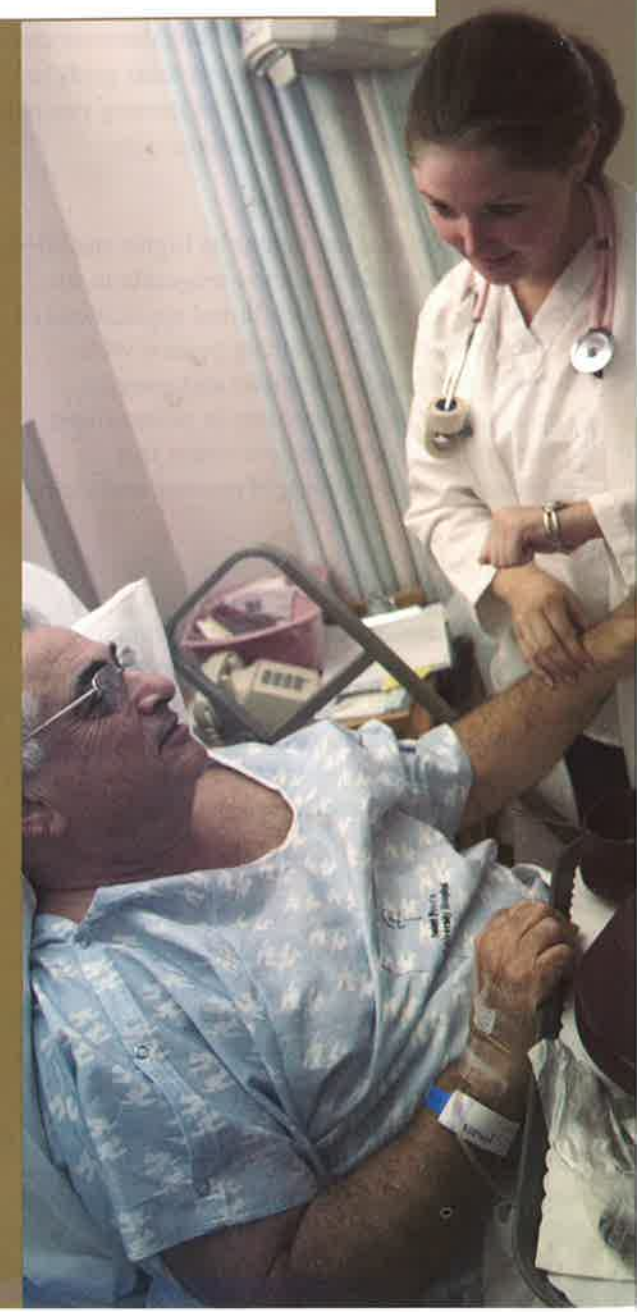
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DEPARTMENT OF NURSING



Preparing Exemplary Professionals

TCNJ strives to cultivate tomorrow's leaders in the rewarding field of nursing. Our challenging academic programs prepare students with strong clinical skills and also ready them to participate in advancing the nursing profession and health care. We take pride in preparing our baccalaureate and master's level graduates to achieve their goals for professional leadership, advanced nursing practice, and pursuing additional education.

Student-Centered Faculty

All nursing courses are taught by highly qualified, student-centered faculty knowledgeable in the scientific foundations and clinical applications of nursing principles. The faculty possess wide-ranging professional expertise and research experience to engage students in personalized, technologically-advanced education that emphasizes evidenced-based practice and caring for people.

Rigorous Curricula

We place heavy emphasis on clinical nursing practice in both our baccalaureate and masters programs. Clinical sites include acute care hospitals using sophisticated technology, as well as public health and community agencies addressing individual, family, and community health care needs.

Competitive and Enriching Environment

TCNJ nursing students are academically gifted, demonstrate strong initiative, and have diverse talents. Many undergraduate students are involved in a variety of co-curricular activities and student organizations. The Student Nurses Association fosters a sense of community among students, provides opportunities for professional and leadership development, and sponsors social and educational events.

Advanced Learning Facilities

Nursing classes are held in Paul Loser Hall, offering a unique community environment for nursing students, faculty, and staff. In addition to state-of-the-art classrooms, our learning enhancement facilities include In-Patient and Out-Patient Clinical Learning Labs. The In-Patient Clinical Learning Lab blends a traditional classroom with a highly sophisticated hospital simulation area, supervised by a masters prepared lab coordinator. Students practice skills across the baccalaureate curriculum, from basic tasks to complex teamwork scenarios utilizing adult, infant, and child-bearing simulators. The Out-Patient Care Lab allows students to experience a health care setting that resembles office/clinic-based practices.



Programs of Study

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)

Our baccalaureate program fosters critical thinking, communication, caring and empathy, clinical competence, autonomy, and leadership as major outcomes. The program requires five semesters of clinical courses beginning in the second semester of the sophomore year. Students are placed in a variety of prominent hospitals and health care agencies, working with children, adults, childbearing families, and the elderly. Students typically spend eight to 10 hours each week at clinical sites, usually in groups smaller than the state limit of 10. The BSN program admits post-high school and transfer students and normally requires four years of full-time study. The RN to BSN program admits registered nurses with the associate degree or diploma in nursing.

Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) Programs

Our post-BSN graduate program options include: Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP), Adult Nurse Practitioner (ANP), Neonatal Practitioner (NNP), and Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL). Extensive clinical experiences with highly-qualified preceptors take place in a variety of community-based agencies, including hospitals, hospital-based clinics, primary care offices, and community health clinics. Nurse practitioner students spend up to two days each week in clinical. Our MSN programs may be completed in two academic years of full-time study plus one or two summers, depending on the track. Students choosing to attend classes on a part-time basis may take up to six years to complete the MSN. We also offer a Bridge Program to the MSN for RNs with a Non-Nursing BS or BA, as well as Post Master's Nurse Practitioner Certifications.