618 - HEALTH SCIENCES MAJORS

50% - WSU GRADUATE FACULTY

880 - WSU FACULTY VACANCIES NATIONWIDE

50% - FIRST-TIME NURSING FACULTY

80% - CLINICAL SITE CONTRACTS

99% - ADVANCE PRACTICE NURSES IN MN

371 - ADVANCE PRACTICE NURSES IN MULTIPLE REIGNS

431 - PASS RATE FOR NURSE PRACTITIONER EXAM

60 - HOURS OF CARE PROVIDE FOR THE UNDERSERVED

150 NEW BACCALAUREATE STUDENTS

213 GRADUATES

3.5 - MINIMUM GPA

75 - WSU NURSE PRACTITIONER ALUMNI

90-95% RN PASS RATE

584,500 NEW NURSING POSITIONS CREATED BY 2028

200 GRADUATES

200 ALUMNI

4400 ALUMNI
Nursing and Health Sciences at WSU
By the numbers

Over ten years ago WSU began increasing the investment in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences in response to the needs of our region. The results of this investment have had a significant impact on healthcare delivery in Minnesota. I’m going to highlight this dynamic and successful college at WSU.

Here’s the college of Nursing and Health Sciences by the numbers:

150 - New students were accepted into the 2010 WSU Baccalaureate program; it’s the largest program for newly prepared Baccalaureate nurses in the state of MN.

213 – Undergraduate and graduate level nursing students graduated in spring 2010

And More than 4400 nursing students have graduated from WSU since 1968.

100 – returning RNs are currently working on their 4-year degree at WSU. The number of seats available for returning RNs has tripled in the last few years.

3.5 – is now the Minimum GPA preferred for a student to enter the WSU baccalaureate program.

90 - 95% - of the WSU baccalaureate prepared nursing candidates pass their state exam the first time

80% - of all nursing baccalaureate graduates are placed in the WSU region which includes cities such as Rochester, Albert Lea, Minneapolis and St. Paul.

To provide clinical experience for students WSU holds 200 clinical site contracts with healthcare facilities in MN, Western WI, and Northern Iowa

The demand for skilled nurses will continue

581,500 – new baccalaureate and advance practice nursing positions will be created nationwide through 2018. Nursing is the nation’s top profession in terms of projected job growth.

There are 4,371 advance practice registered nurses in MN.

Last year, there were 75 applicants to the WSU nurse practitioner program. The program is open to just 12 applicants.

99% percent of WSU-trained nurse practitioners have passed the national credentialing examination the first time.

In their advanced health promotion class, graduate students provide 60 hours of care of the underserved, immigrants or refugees.

Talented nursing faculty are critical to the development of nursing professionals

A nationwide survey of 556 nursing schools identified 880 faculty vacancies. The top reasons cited for difficulty finding faculty are noncompetitive salaries compared to positions in the practice area and limited pool of doctorally-prepared faculty.

50% - percent of WSU nursing faculty will retire within 10 years

Nursing isn’t the only health-related program that’s growing at WSU

This year, 618 students have declared a Health Sciences major. This represents a 54% increase since 2007.

Health Science majors include Movement Science, Exercise Science, Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation and Athletic Training all of which are precursors to Physical and Occupational Therapy and other health-related careers.