

2022

ANNUAL REPORT

We exceeded our \$1.04M fundraising goal:

\$1.5M

IN GIFTS & PLEDGES

We received 7 grant awards, totaling:

\$1.4M

IN GRANT FUNDING

POINTS of PRIDE

VIRTUAL REALITY

In calendar year 2021, 4 VR units were added to the Nursing Simulation Lab, providing new cutting-edge educational experiences for students, including learning to treat COVID-19 patients in virtual reality.

SHAPING NURSE LEADERS

Twenty graduating seniors participated in the fourth annual senior Leadership Academy. This free, not-for-credit program focuses on establishing a strong leadership philosophy and preparing newly graduated nurses to lead.

PROUD GRADUATES

PROUD, MCN's grant-funded initiative that provides financial assistance to nursing students from diverse or economically disadvantaged backgrounds, celebrated 10 PROUD students graduating in May 2021 and a further 5 graduates in August 2021. All 15 passed NCLEX.

GRANT-FUNDED INITIATIVE

The College received a \$2.8 million Health Resources and Service Administration (HRSA) grant in 2018 to launch the Change Agents to the Underserved Service Education (CAUSE) project. MCN is one of 42 universities nationwide and four universities in the state of Illinois to receive the four-year grant. The award amount for FY'22 was \$699,503.



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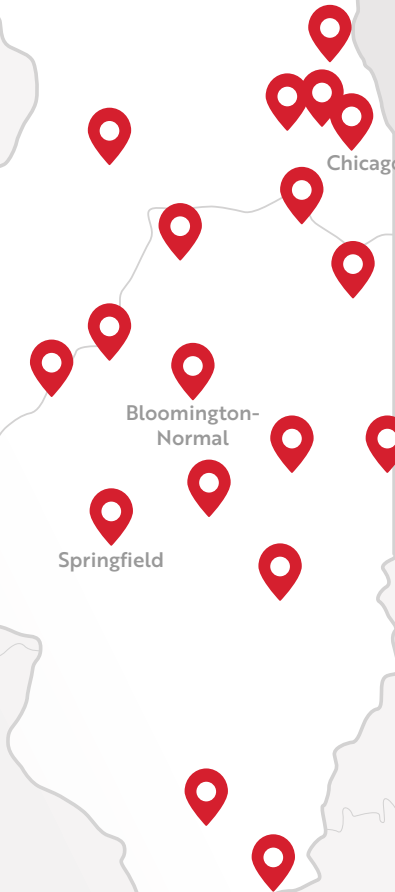


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PARTNERSHIPS FOR BETTER ACCESS TO A BSN

We've partnered with 18 community colleges across Illinois to build plans of study that empower nursing students to seamlessly transition from their RN program to MCN's Online RN to BSN program.

- College of Lake County
- Danville Area Community College
- Elgin Community College
- Graham Hospital School of Nursing
- Harper College
- Heartland Community College
- Illinois Central College
- Illinois Valley Community College
- Joliet Junior College
- Kankakee Community College
- Lake Land College
- Lincoln Land Community College
- Parkland College
- Rend Lake College
- Richland Community College
- Sauk Valley Community College
- Southeastern Illinois College
- Triton College



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MESSAGE *from* THE DEAN



JUDY NEUBRANDER

I truly believe that with every challenge comes great opportunity. This past year, as the pandemic continued, it gave us another set of difficult circumstances in our community and, indeed, all over the world. However, as you will see in this report, our students, faculty, and staff not only rose to the occasion but went above and beyond to realize success and demonstrate that, here at Mennonite College of Nursing (MCN), we are the leaders in nursing education. We are doing great things every day.

For instance, Fiscal Year 2022 saw our students return to consistent face-to-face clinical placements, just as the pandemic was putting the greatest strain on hospitals. This offered a once-in-a-lifetime learning experience for students and a resource for health care, as future Redbird Nurses assisted in the field when that help was needed the most. Again, from challenge comes opportunity.

The fierce dedication of our students, faculty, and staff is evidenced by our amazing NCLEX pass rate of 96%, versus the state and national average this year of 82%. This high pass rate is consistent from year to year. We are not just preparing our nurses to succeed; we are preparing them to excel.

Our enrollment remains strong, and students remain the heart and soul of MCN's mission. MCN consistently

attracts students with some of the highest GPAs at Illinois State University. MCN recognizes the growing nationwide nursing shortage and continues to build pipelines to encourage more people into the profession. We need excellent nurses now more than ever.

MCN has a fantastic team of faculty researchers doing important work and providing key mentorship to students at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

In FY22, we continued to focus on hiring excellent faculty, experienced in teaching and research, and pairing them with those most closely aligned with their research areas.

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We have charted a proactive path for growth, and we are looking forward to the future. In FY22, we started work on a 16,000 square foot addition to our Simulation Lab, and we launched a new BSN to PhD program.

Our growth continues, with exciting things on the horizon.

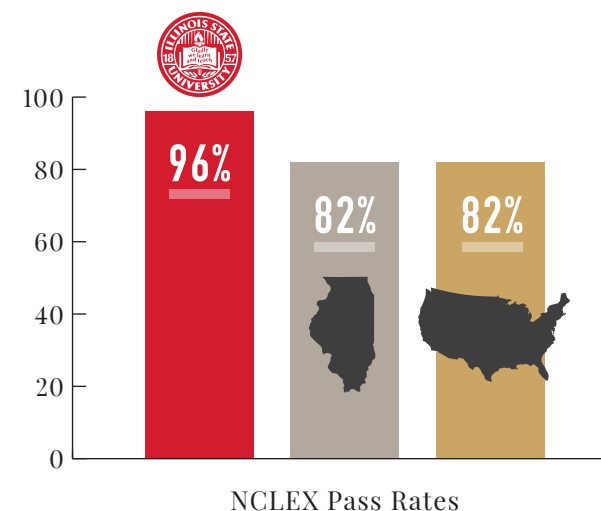
With over 100 years of history, MCN has graduated thousands of nurses, who have impacted countless lives with their care and compassion. I hope you will enjoy reading about this past year's accomplishments and join us in welcoming what is yet to come.

Judy

MCN FACTS *and* FIGURES

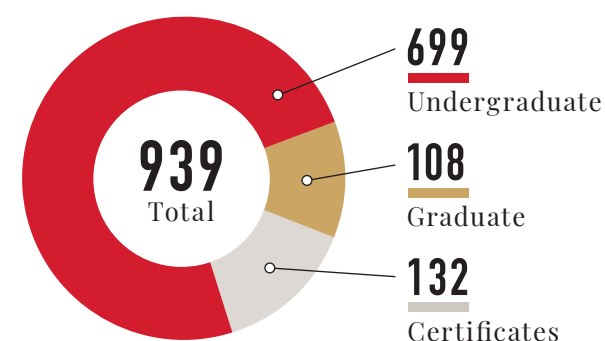
PASS RATES

MCN's NCLEX pass rate is consistently high. Our pass rate in 2021 was 96%, exceeding the state and national averages of 82% by a significant margin.



100%
FNP Certification Exam Pass Rate

ENROLLED STUDENTS

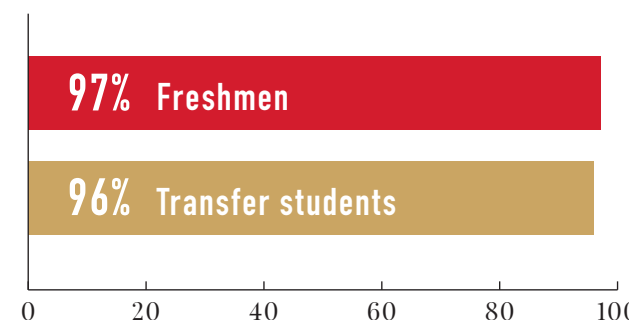


FRESHMEN STATS

3.95
Average GPA for enrolled freshmen

27
Average ACT for enrolled freshmen

FALL - SPRING RETENTION RATES



STUDENT SCHOLARS

+8.3%
Presidential Scholars in the nursing major
Since 2018

+9.3%
University Scholars in the nursing major
Since 2018

AWARDS *and* HONORS



Dr. John Blakeman

- Clarence W. Sorensen Distinguished Dissertation Award, Illinois State University (ISU). (2021).
- Alumnus of the Year, Millikin University School of Nursing, Decatur, IL. (2021).



Dr. Susana Calderon

- Research Initiative Award, ISU. (2021).
- Early Career Research Award, MCN, ISU. (2021).
- RISE Award, ISU COVID Challenge Recognition. (2021).



Dr. Seon Yoon Chung

- 40 Under Forty Emerging Nurse Leaders, Illinois Nurses Foundation (INF). (2021).



Dr. Mary Dyck

- Million Dollar Club, ISU. (2021).



Dr. Denise Hammer

- Nominated to serve on NANN (National Association of Neonatal Nurses) Small Grant Committee. (2021).
- Carle Foundation Nurses Week Essay Writing Contest Winner "In the Blink of an Eye". (May 9, 2021).
- Carle BroMenn Way To Be Award. (May 24, 2021).



Dr. Myoung Jin Kim

- RISE to the COVID Challenge Recognition, ISU. (2021).



Janeen Mollenhauer

- Distinguished Service Award for Administrative Professionals, ISU. (Feb. 2022).



Dr. Nancy Novotny

- RISE to the COVID Challenge Recognition. (2021).



Dr. Patricia Pence

- Dr. Kathleen A. Hogan Faculty Development Award, MCN, ISU. (2021).



Dr. Marilyn Prasun

- Researcher to Know, Illinois Science and Technology Coalition (ISTC). (2021).



Dr. Erin Reitz

- RISE to the COVID Challenge Recognition, ISU. (2021).



Dr. Michele Shropshire

- Research Initiative Award, Research and Sponsored Programs at ISU. (2021).
- Early Career Research Award, MCN, ISU. (2021).
- IBHE Nurse Educator Fellowship, Illinois Higher Board of Education and the Center for Nursing. (2021).



Dr. Jessica Sullivan

- Graduate Program Teaching Excellence Award Recipient, MCN, ISU. (2021, 2022).
- Million Dollar Club, ISU. (2021).