



## HISTORY OF SUU NURSING PROGRAM

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Southern Utah University established a Baccalaureate Nursing Program and accepted the first student class in August of 2004. The SUU Nursing Program was accredited by the Commission of Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) in April of 2006, holding SUU to the highest standards of education.

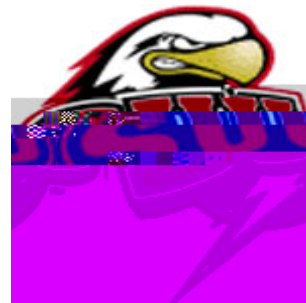
Southern Utah University's nursing faculty has a 30 year history of providing nursing education to southern Utah. From the beginning, the nursing program had prided itself of meeting the regional health care needs of southern Utah through personalized, quality education; provided by the dedicated and supportive faculty, staff and administration.

A unique fact about faculty in the SUU nursing department is that the faculty are equally divided between male and female; each adding years of nursing experience and diversity to the program.

There are 113 pre-licensure students and 22 ADN to BSN students currently enrolled in the program. These students are engaged in an interactive learning environment and are progressing toward their BSN degree. This spring marks four years that the program has been in operation.

Southern Utah University's BSN program has graduated 205 students since the spring of 2008; many of which are currently continuing their education in Graduate degree programs. Other SUU BSN graduates are working in facilities demonstrating professionalism throughout the state of Utah and states ranging from Florida to California. SUU is proud to be an educator of current and future nurses in the healthcare profession.

Southern Utah University's nursing program was accredited by CCNE in 2006 for a period lasting of 5 years—the longest first time accreditation you can get! The accreditation board will be expected back to the SUU campus in the year 2010 to re-evaluate the program.



## FINANCING NURSING SCHOOL / SCHOLARSHIPS

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Wondering how you are going to afford nursing school? Would you like to make more than \$1,000 an hour? I did it and you can too. No, this is not a commercial. But, by taking just 5 minutes to fill out an application, I received an \$1,800 academic scholarship. Also, I spent 10 hours and obtained a grant worth more than \$23,000 dollars. That's \$2,300 dollars an hour! There are other grants and scholarships that I was awarded while attending nursing school as well totaling another \$8,900. Does this sound too good to be true? It's real and it happened to me. Prior to going to nursing school, I worked in the field of financial aid for 5 years and was the Financial Aid Director for several Utah colleges - so financing my education wasn't much of a concern for me when I was accepted into SUU's nursing program. Consequently, I obtained several scholarships and grants that paid for my tuition, books, travel expenses and even gave me a monthly income. I have shared my knowledge of these resources with a few of my classmates and students in other levels and have been happy to find out that they too were able to get these grants/scholarships. Many nursing students worry about how they are going to afford school **when it is not recommended that one work while attending**. I believe that people can work hard or they can work smart while attending school. I highly recommend that you research and apply for as many scholarships and grants that are available to you. Besides having the benefit of less financial stress, by obtaining grants and scholarships you will also be able to concentrate on your schooling and do better academically as well. I want to make sure that all nursing student at SUU know of these resources so I have come up with a list which can be found at <http://www.suu.edu/sci/nursing/current.html>. Good luck!

**CURRENT/NEW NURSING FACULTY SPOTLIGHTS**



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