

EXCELLENCE

in Nursing Education



St Luke's
SCHOOL
OF NURSING

MORE THAN A CENTURY OF CARE



St. Luke's was the fourth hospital in the country to operate a school for nurses. Today, it is the **nation's oldest nursing school** in continuous operation.

History is only a small part of what makes St. Luke's School of Nursing unique, though it is an important part. We've stood the test of time because we are committed to compassionate care, we believe in the importance of hands-on learning opportunities **at the bedside**, and because we provide access to the most contemporary practices and technology to enhance our curriculum.

Our students are recognized for their competence and for how confidently they care for patients—not only in our hospitals, but in communities throughout the state and across the nation.

A gift to support St. Luke's School of Nursing will empower students from all socioeconomic backgrounds to pursue a high-quality education with a focus on compassionate care. These students will be exposed to renowned educators, innovative technology, and real-world patient encounters that will help develop them into skilled nurses. Most importantly, many of these students will begin their careers within the St. Luke's network, which means **our patients and families will benefit from their education and expertise**.

Even with the ever-changing health care landscape, St. Luke's School of Nursing remains committed to providing the best education possible, with the most advanced resources—always. Your support makes it possible.

Sandy Mesics

Director, St. Luke's School of Nursing

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ST. LUKE'S NURSING STUDENTS ARE...



DESERVING

Over the past decade, hundreds of nursing students received nearly **\$1 million in scholarships**, collectively—a testament to their academic achievement, passion for service, and desire to make a difference in patients' lives.

DRIVEN

Many of our students are working full-time—providing and caring for family—while attending school. We are proud to offer an **evening-weekend track** to help them succeed while balancing other daily demands.

AT THE BEDSIDE

St. Luke's School of Nursing students are educated at the bedside, which provides **real-world experience** that helps them begin their nursing careers with confidence.

SUCCESSFUL

Nearly 100% of St. Luke's School of Nursing students are employed within nine months of graduation. **More than 70%** are hired at St. Luke's to begin their careers.

FROM NICU TO NURSE

Abigail Rakos has a special relationship with St. Luke's. It began after her mother was hospitalized at St. Luke's University Hospital – Bethlehem a month before giving birth. **Abby was born weighing only 1 pound 5 ounces.**

Abby's parents weren't sure their premature daughter would make it. Doctors were particularly grim when Abby developed sepsis at a week old. But after a four-month fight for survival in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), Abby beat the odds and was strong enough to finally go home. She has grown up with no signs of her precarious beginnings.

Though she considered other career paths, Abby always came back to her dream of becoming a nurse. Her own experience fueled her passion for helping others—children in particular.

When Abby graduated from high school, she received a scholarship from St. Luke's Miners Campus to attend Lehigh Carbon Community College and complete her prerequisites for nursing school. But when Abby arrived for the presentation luncheon—expecting to receive \$500—she was ecstatic to learn that she actually had been given a **full scholarship to attend St. Luke's School of Nursing.**

When Abby graduates from St. Luke's School of Nursing, she will work at St. Luke's Miners Campus, possibly in the emergency department. Her dream is coming true, thanks to her own tenacity and the generosity of those who made her scholarship possible.

"I really want to help people, and that's what nurses do."

-Abigail Rakos



CARING FOR THE COMMUNITY

Our students have a special passion for giving back. They work together on projects outside of the classroom that make a difference in the community and develop a unique set of leadership skills.

Their service brings comfort to families in their most difficult moments.

Below are a few of the important initiatives that our students support, led by our Student Government Association and Student Nurses Association.

Backpacks to Brighten

Teenage mothers and at-risk children can return to school each fall with a new backpack stuffed with supplies to help them succeed, thanks to the efforts of Student Nurses Association members.

Winter Wishes

Student Government Association members, in partnership with St. Luke's Nurse-Family Partnership, coordinate the creation of more than 100 gift bags with items for new moms and their babies to enjoy on Christmas.

Warmth at the Infusion Center

Nursing students work hard to collect blankets on an ongoing basis that are shared with oncology patients receiving services at one of our St. Luke's Infusion Centers.





EQUIPPED FOR THE FUTURE

St. Luke's Network Simulation Center provides learners with the opportunity to develop new clinical and procedural skills in a safe environment.

The center's advanced robotic simulators can be programmed to mimic hundreds of diseases and conditions, facilitating learning and improving outcomes for patients.

When students have access to the latest simulation technology, they can learn how to deliver innovative, advanced care before treating patients at the bedside.





COMMITTED TO COMPASSION

Our student nurses go on to be the faces of compassion for patients treated within our network, in our region, across the state, and throughout the nation.

Earning a nursing degree is life-changing—not only for our students and their families, but also for the patients who rely on them for care.

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