

## Stockton's Nursing Program Ranked in Top 50 In Mid-Atlantic by NursingSchoolsAlmanac.com

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**Galloway, N.J.** - Stockton University's Nursing program in the School of Health Sciences is rated among the top 50 nursing schools in the Mid-Atlantic region out of over 450 schools considered by NursingSchoolsAlmanac.com.

"We collected data on over 3,200 institutions nationwide, and just 10 percent made our final list," said Christopher McMillen, editor-in-chief of NursingSchoolsAlmanac.com. "We provide the web's most comprehensive and analytical resource for aspiring nurses to select their future nursing school."

The NursingSchoolsAlmanac.com ranking is based on three dimensions:

- The institution's academic prestige and perceived value;
- The breadth and depth of nursing programs offered;
- Student success, particularly on the NCLEX national licensure exam.

Stockton graduates' NCLEX pass rates have averaged 90 percent over the past five years.

Stockton's highly rated Nursing program includes:

- an entry-level baccalaureate Nursing Program (BSN) designed for the student who wishes to become a registered nurse (R.N.) while completing the Bachelor of Science in nursing degree;
- a Master of Science in Nursing Program designed for the registered nurse (R.N.) who wishes to pursue a graduate degree with specialty certification as an Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner;

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- a path to build upon the MSN degree from Stockton by enrolling in the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) at Chatham University. The online DNP program is intended to work with practitioners' schedules, helping balance work, family and studies while developing expert in specialized advanced nursing practice.

In addition, Stockton is opening a new Bachelor of Science in Nursing track this fall at the university's Manahawkin location, for students looking to earn a second bachelor's degree in Nursing. In fall 2017, the program will expand to accept transfer students there.

"At Stockton we are working to address the nationwide shortage of baccalaureate prepared nurses," said Dean Theresa Bartolotta of the School of Health Sciences. "This trend is especially acute in New Jersey and expected to only worsen in the next decade. Our students who complete the BSN degree program receive a strong foundation in the liberal arts with excellent education in the knowledge and skills of the nursing profession which are needed to work as a dynamic member of health care teams."

For a detailed look at NursingSchoolsAlmanac.com's assessment methodology, visit the <u>Mid-Atlantic Top 50.</u>

For more information about Stockton University's Nursing and other Health Science programs, visit Stockton.edu.

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