



Nursing

Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing

A CONSORTIUM OF ABILENE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY, HARDIN-SIMMONS UNIVERSITY AND McMURRY UNIVERSITY

KEY STRENGTHS

- Overall student-teacher ratio of 8 to 1.
- Approximately 46 percent of full-time faculty have earned doctorate degrees. Of the remaining full-time faculty, 15 percent are pursuing their Ph.D.
- More than 38 percent of full-time faculty are advance practice nurses.
- \$85,000 in scholarships are available to students.
- Many hospitals, according to their location and staffing needs, help repay student loans.
- 99% of students are employed prior to graduation.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Abilene Christian University is part of a three-member consortium which provides Christian collegiate nursing education in Texas. Through the Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing, ACU offers a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and the R.N.-B.A.S.N. Articulation Program for registered nurses wanting to obtain a bachelor's degree in nursing. The first two years in this program are spent in the ACU environment, becoming acclimated to college life and building relationships. Junior and senior years are spent mostly in classes or hospitals gaining practical experience.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Entry-level positions in virtually all areas of hospitals
- Community health settings
- Home health agencies
- Nursing home facilities
- Health-care administration
- Preparation for graduate nursing education

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

Uniquely diverse network of more than 25 clinical settings within the city of Abilene. These include two medical centers, home health agencies, mental health facilities, geriatric clinics, pediatric clinics and others.

Involvement in Sigma Theta Tau, the national honor society for nursing; and the Maternal Child Health Academy, an organization that works to increase vaccination rates to uninsured children provides avenues for growth.

Frequent HESI testing monitors progress and ensure improvement in areas of deficiency.

Technologically advanced mannequins talk to students and enact human and bodily reactions to treatments to teach nurses to perform duties and respond to the "patient" as if it is a human being.

FACILITIES

Parker Hall is located at 2149 Hickory, about two miles from the ACU campus. In addition to classroom and administrative offices, this three-story building contains patient-care simulation rooms and a 14-station computer lab.

Meadows Conference Center is a 5,200-square-foot addition to Parker Hall constructed in 1991. This facility is equipped with state-of-the-art audiovisual instructional aids.

FACULTY

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