

# WELCOME TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HOLY CROSS

Welcome to University of Holy Cross. What an exciting time to be considering a degree in nursing and what an exciting time to be part of the rich history of the Marianites of Holy Cross, an international congregation of women religious serving God's people since 1841.

As of graduation 2024, 1344 students have graduated from the Department of Nursing (DON). The graduates are working in the community doing an excellent job and making such a difference. As described in one of the DON's purposes, those graduates are bringing compassion and healing in the Catholic tradition of Jesus and Mary, His Mother.

As the DON lives its commitment to the educational mission of the Catholic Church, we know that your education will flourish in an environment motivated by a Catholic Christian vision. The faculty eagerly accepts the responsibility to provide you an atmosphere of love, care, rapport, openness and trust. We want to assist you as an individual. As described in the mission of the University, the DON not only wants to educate your mind, but we want to educate your heart.

As a prenursing student you will be assigned a nursing faculty who will be your prenursing academic advisor. Your advisor will assist you in preparing to apply to the Department of Nursing. I am also available to advise you if needed.

As a prenursing student, you will be receiving emails from the Department. Our Student Nurse Association will also invite you to their monthly meetings and I hope you can come.

Again, welcome to UHC and please know that my office (#2000) is always open to you. Please stop by so I can meet you.

My best to you,

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