



Press Release: Nursing Programs Receive CCNE Accreditation

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Western Governors University Nursing Education Programs Receive CCNE Accreditation

WGU's Competency-Based Bachelor's and Master's Degree Programs Accredited Through 2014

Salt Lake City, Utah — Western Governors University's Nursing Education Programs (www.wgu.edu) have been accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). The initial accreditation, which has a five-year term, was awarded following a rigorous process that included a site visit as well as a review of WGU's nursing curriculum.

An autonomous arm of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, CCNE is the foremost accrediting body for nursing schools that offer baccalaureate and graduate degrees. Officially recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education as a national accreditation agency, it is the only accrediting body devoted exclusively to the evaluation of baccalaureate and graduate nursing degree programs. Accreditation is a nongovernmental peer review process that evaluates each program's mission, goals, and expected outcomes and assesses the performance of the program in achieving the mission and goals.

"Providing educational opportunities and degree programs to meet the needs of underserved populations and employers with critical workforce needs is part of WGU's mission, and earning CCNE accreditation allows us to address the growing shortage of nurses and nurse educators in the U.S.," said WGU President Robert Mendenhall. "Accreditation demonstrates that our approach, which combines technology and competency-based learning with comprehensive clinical experience, will produce graduates who are well prepared to fulfill their roles in patient care, nurse education, and leadership."

About WGU's Nursing Education Programs

WGU offers bachelor's and master's degree programs in nursing designed to meet the needs of the healthcare industry today. Developed in collaboration with employers and industry experts, the programs combine online learning, advanced simulation training, and in-hospital clinical experience to provide nursing education that is high quality, affordable, and accessible to working adults. WGU's degree programs include:

- B.S. Nursing (RN to BSN online)
B.S. Nursing (Prelicensure)
M.S. Nursing—Education (for RNs with BSNs)
M.S. Nursing—Leadership and Management (for RNs with BSNs)
M.S. Nursing—Education (RN to MSN Option)
M.S. Nursing—Leadership and Management (RN to MSN Option)

For more information on WGU's nursing programs, go to www.wgu.edu/CCNE or call 1-866-225-5948 (866-CALL-WGU).

About CCNE

Officially recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education as a national accreditation agency, the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) is an autonomous accrediting agency contributing to the improvement of the public's health. CCNE ensures the quality and integrity of baccalaureate and graduate education programs preparing effective nurses.

CCNE serves the public interest by assessing and identifying programs that engage in effective educational practices. As a voluntary, self-regulatory process, CCNE accreditation supports and encourages continuing self-assessment by nursing education programs and the continuing growth and improvement of collegiate professional education.

