

## Departmental Base Budget Overview

Department **College of Nursing**

Executive **Provost**

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Program **01**

**Base Budgets:**

									10-Year % Change	
2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	
3,011,982	2,993,343	3,129,307	3,115,751	3,128,543	3,398,217	3,915,924	4,179,368	4,246,329	4,201,672	39.50%
									1,409,999	Payroll Benefits
									5,611,671	Total

Since 1937, the College of Nursing has been central to the land grant mission of Montana State University. The College offers the only state supported basic baccalaureate nursing program and the only graduate nursing program in Montana. The baccalaureate program is offered at four sites – Billings, Bozeman, Great Falls and Missoula, and at one satellite location in Kalispell. On-site faculty provide education to and clinical supervision of students in approximately 150 health care agencies throughout the state.

The undergraduate program has had continuous approval by the State Board of Nursing since inception and continuous national accreditation since 1949. The College underwent its most recent Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) visit in the fall of 2008 and was granted accreditation for both the undergraduate and graduate programs for another 10 years. The entire baccalaureate program (two years of lower-division study and two years of upper-division study) can be completed at any campus. Baccalaureate graduates are prepared to take the National Council Licensure EXamination-Registered Nurse (NCLEX-RN) exam and typically have a first time pass rate that exceeds state and national averages. The College of Nursing has also earned national recognition for excellence in programs which support the recruitment and success of Native American nursing students.

The nationally-accredited graduate program leads to a master's in nursing (MN) degree and prepares students to take a national certification exam as a family nurse practitioner (FNP), clinical nurse leader (CNL), or clinical nurse specialist (CNS). A new family psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner (FPMHNP) option was approved by the Board of Regents in the spring of 2009 and students enrolled in the program this fall (2009). Both the NP option and CNS graduates may be licensed as Advanced Practice Registered Nurses. NPs have prescriptive authority in Montana. Approximately 75% of the FNP graduates have stayed to work as family nurse practitioners in Montana - many in rural areas. Every master's graduate in the FNP and CNS options has successfully passed a national certification exam on the first try. The CNL option, approved by the Board of Regents in 2007, beginning its third year of operation, is now fully developed and integrated into the graduate program. This option prepares nurses for leadership roles in a variety of clinical settings. The CNS option entered a sunset phase in 2008 and the remaining students will graduate and that option closed in the spring of 2011.

The graduate program is distance delivered via teleconference, interactive video, and web-based or web-enhanced courses. Face-to-face classes are held in Bozeman once each year. Supervision is provided by faculty at each clinical site.

As of fall semester 2009, 786 generic baccalaureate students and 65 graduate students were enrolled in the College. The breakdown for each campus follows: Billings – 187 undergraduates; Bozeman – 377 undergraduates; Great Falls – 77 undergraduates; Missoula – 116 undergraduates; and Kalispell – 29 undergraduates. Graduate students are not attached to individual campus locations.