

# The Scope SUU Nursing Spring 2019

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## SUU Nursing Program Celebrates 15 Years

SUU established their Baccalaureate Nursing Program and accepted their first class of students in 2004. Class sizes remained at 20 students per semester until the Spring of 2015 where they began to accept 30 students. As of 2019, there have been over 500 nursing graduates. Many of these have continued their education with advanced degrees and certificates. SUU is proud to be an educator of current and future Baccalaureate prepared nurses.

## SUU Honor Society of Nursing

“We are excited for nursing students to have the opportunity to be recognized for their high achievements through the SUU Honor Society of Nursing. Students are recognized for maintaining a cumulative GPA of 3.75 or higher. While being a part of the nursing program, students are granted the opportunity to do community service such as helping people become aware of human trafficking, and food drives for the local Food Pantry.”

- Bree Rayburn





## SUU Ranked Best Public Nursing Program in Utah

The department of nursing is honored to be ranked third “Best Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Program” in Utah by the RN Nursing organization. SUU’s nursing program values experiential education offering several hands-on experiences for students.

## SUU Nursing Graduate Competes on American Ninja Warrior

We are excited to share that SUU alumna Madyson Blake-Howard recently competed in the Seattle/Tacoma region of season eleven American Ninja Warrior and will proceed to the next round. Competing during her college career as a Flippin’ Bird with SUU Gymnastics, Howard holds the second highest floor score in University history.

“American Ninja Warrior has been so much fun! I was so excited to get the call to be on the show and give the course a try,” Howard said. “I feel like competing as a gymnast prepared me for the nerves that come with competing on a big stage and helped me stay in the moment before I stepped on the course.”

Howard competed in the Tacoma Dome, the first indoor course in the show’s history. She made it to the end of the “lightning bolts”, the fifth obstacle in the course, and ended the night as one of the top five women. She will move on to compete at the City Finals, which will air at the beginning of August.



## Graduate Update:



## Matt Mauldwin

Matt graduated from SUU in the Spring of 2018 and accepted a job in North Carolina. Of his experience he said, “I work at the Duke University Hospital in the Cardiac Intensive Care Unit. I absolutely love it! The majority of the patients that I take care of have either just had a cardiac arrest or massive myocardial infarction, or both. It’s not uncommon to have a code called on my unit during one of my shifts, weekly. I felt perfectly prepared with my education from SUU to begin working at Duke.

Duke regularly holds nursing hiring events at least twice a year in which prospective nurses can come out and interview with all the different units. More information can be found on Duke’s nursing careers website (<https://www.dukenursing.org/job-search>). I love being a nurse, and I’m extremely grateful for all that SUU’s Department of Nursing did to prepare me for where I am today.”



# Level Updates

## Level 1



"We are often referred to as 'the quiet class,' which I don't quite understand. It's true we don't have anyone who yells out during class, but we have a lot of people who stand up and care! Never before have I known a group of people who work so well together. From day one we have gone through a lot, from medical issues to laughing so hard you can hardly breathe! We truly have become family, and I couldn't imagine spending the next year and a half with a better group!"

- Brianna Lourenco-Haws

## Level 2

"Wow! Level 2 has been very challenging and I don't think it's too far of a stretch to say that we all have experienced exhaustion. Especially our two classmates who became Dad's for a second time this semester! However, we all agree that this semester we have all started to feel like real nurses. The knowledge we have gained from our Med-Surge and Pharmacology courses have really helped us critically care for our patient's during hospital rotations. It's extremely exciting to be half way through the program and to be eligible to get licensed as PN's! Many of our classmates will be sitting for this exam and are excited to get more hands-on experience. We can't wait to finish up this semester and take our places as Level 3's in the fall!"

- Kendra Orton



# Level 3



“Our class is super awesome! We are a very diverse group of 31 students. We have done great at bringing our different strengths to the table; there are a lot of us with different experience and backgrounds like ER nursing, long term care, pediatrics and even the people who have not worked in healthcare have unique experiences such as culture and other experiences. We enjoy having fun and have random competitions like handstands or we’ll bring food and do fun things to make each other laugh. We help each other get through the stress of nursing school.”

- Sara Clark

# Level 4

“What I love about our class is that it is very cohesive, it is very supportive, we have each other’s back. I know for a fact that I would not have gotten through nursing school without our classmates. Like if I needed something I knew who to go to specifically... I knew that I could count on all of our classmates. I also know that there never was one moment in our class that I felt like we were fighting with each other, and that’s what I love about our class, is that everyone was happy and helpful to each other.”

- Harsh Kansagra



# RN to BSN

Class Starting Summer 2018 (0519)



Silene Brown



Katelyn Patterson



Jackie Nelson



Scott Osabobicia



Katelyn Patterson



Angie Stewart



Sam Warby

Congratulations to the RN to BSN class! With the various changes occurring at Southern Utah University, and with new technology, the RN to BSN program will be offered online only. The current Spring 2019 RN to BSN class is the last to come to SUU to attend classes.

# Alumni Day – Saturday, September 28, 2019, 12:00pm

On the Saturday of SUU's 2019-2020 Homecoming, September, 28<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm, SUU Nursing will celebrate Alumni Day. The SUU Department of Nursing invites all SUU nursing graduates to attend with their families.



SUU NURSING ALUMNI DAY  
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 28

Lunch Provided  
Activities for all ages

12 noon. After  
Homecoming Parade

South lawn next  
to SUU Nursing  
Building



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