Ursuline nursing program continues to keep Catholic tradition at its core

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Ursuline's Breen School of Nursing has been a vital program at the College since 1975 when Saint John College of Cleveland was blended into the Ursuline College community. A holistic, values-based education in the Catholic tradition is provided through the nursing school, and graduates are prepared to practice in a manner that is competent, caring and reflective of high standards. While clinical knowledge and skills are mastered by nursing students, the human spiritual element is also emphasized directly through connections with patients and their families.

"Nurses are professionals who are at the frontlines of health care today, they work side by side with patients and their families and therefore, they know the issues and can help solve the problems," says Dean of the Breen School of Nursing, Christine Wynd, Ph.D., R.N. "Ursuline attempts to meet the nursing health care requirements of Northeastern Ohio and beyond by educating competent, caring nurses as well as addressing the increasing need for nursing faculty by offering the doctoral program."

Ursuline's Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree prepares students with the skills they need to work at the patient’s bedside, in the intensive care unit, emergency department or operating room. Nurses also have the opportunity to work in the community through the visiting nurse service, home health care, school nursing or occupational health. Ursuline offers the traditional BSN program, as well as the RN-to-BSN program through the College's Adult Accelerated Program. Also available at the College is a second degree, accelerated, 15-month BSN program for students with bachelor's degrees in other majors who wish to pursue a nursing career.

The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program allows students to pursue advanced practice nursing as an adult clinical nurse specialist, adult nurse practitioner or family nurse practitioner. Ursuline also offers specialization in palliative care and nursing education as well.

Since 2010, Ursuline has offered a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree. The program provides doctoral level education for post-MSN students who wish to be leaders in the nursing field.

The Breen School of Nursing is fully approved and accredited by the Ohio Board of Nursing and the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. Ursuline College is regionally accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.