Situated in the learning laboratory that is Atlanta, faculty of the Lewis School are creating models of purposeful and practical leadership. Faculty focus on educating nursing and health professionals who will anticipate and meet the health care needs of multi-cultural, urban populations.

Leveraging a strong history of success positions the Byrdine F. Lewis School of Nursing and Health Professions to meet the rapidly changing needs in global health care. The Lewis School has graduated more than 9,000 nurses, nurse practitioners, educators, researchers and health care professionals in nutrition, health informaticists, physical therapy and respiratory therapy. These alumni serve Georgia and beyond.

Recent milestones include a new interdisciplinary baccalaureate degree in clinical health informatics, an RN to BS online degree program and the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree. Also, the school will enroll the first cohort of occupational therapy graduate students in 2017. Lewis School graduates are well-prepared to work in dynamic health care settings. Graduates hold required licensure pass rates of 94 to 100 percent, well above national averages.

Points of Distinction

• Engaged with the Atlanta and Georgia communities – for example, nursing students and faculty provide back-to-school physicals for homeless children. Physical therapy students and faculty treat South Georgia migrant farm workers.

• Breadth and depth of diversity among students and graduates: socioeconomic, age, career stage. We educate a population that mirrors the society they will serve.

• The breadth of opportunities for clinical learning. More than 200 different sites, offering the student learner the opportunity to practice in a wide variety of settings, from trauma/intensive care to long-term and/or home care.

• Emerging strength in nursing and health profession research focused on areas of greatest need. For example: through community research, Project Healthy Grandparents improves the quality of life for families in which grandparents are raising grandchildren in parent-absent homes.
Why Give to the Byrdine F. Lewis School of Nursing and Health Professions

Georgia is experiencing a shortage of nurses, dietitians, occupational therapists, informaticists, respiratory therapists and physical therapists. Shortages in these areas are expected to increase as the economy improves and older workers retire. In addition, health informatics is one of the fastest growing health-related careers and Atlanta is a hub for this industry. Our graduates will be prepared to meet the high demands that will come with these changes in our country’s health care systems.

At some point in their life, everyone will need a health care professional. Because the Byrdine F. Lewis School of Nursing and Health Professions educates the people who treat people, your investment in the Lewis School can increase quantity without sacrificing quality professional health care services for all patients.

Successful Programs

Certification/Licensure Pass Rates

School of Nursing
- 94%: NCLEX (exam to receive registered nurse license)
- 97% -100%: Advanced Practice Nurse registration exam (rate depends on nursing specialty)

Department of Nutrition
- 100%: Coordinated Program 2015 graduates pass rate

Department of Physical Therapy
- 97%: Doctor of Physical Therapy 2015 licensure pass rate

Department of Respiratory Therapy
- 100%: Certified Respiratory Therapist entry-level credential for 2015
- 100%: Registered Respiratory Therapist credential for 2015

The Department of Respiratory Therapy has held a 100% first-time RRT pass rate for seven years and has been awarded its third Distinguished RRT Credentialing Success Award by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care for this achievement.

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