Nursing is considered by many to be the profession of the 21st century. Today, nurses enjoy more responsibility and respect than ever before as they collaborate closely with other health care professionals and work in high-tech environments to improve the quality of health care for people throughout the world. It is the mission of the School of Nursing to extend the University’s liberal arts tradition to prepare exceptional thinkers, compassionate professionals, and leaders for nursing and global health care.

**Why Nursing at Illinois Wesleyan?**
- Offers all applicants direct admission to the program as a first-year student.
- Provides a baccalaureate nursing degree within a liberal arts environment.
- Introduces nursing coursework and clinical experience beginning in the sophomore year.
- Allows the completion of a minor, including in Hispanic Studies, Human Services Management, or Health.
- Facilitates opportunities to conduct collaborative research with nursing faculty.
- Promotes development of an internship in a health care area of student interest.
- Encourages study abroad opportunities, including a semester in Barcelona, Spain.
- Specializes in undergraduate education with small class sizes.
- Develops critical thinking and decision-making skills which the nursing profession requires.
- Prepares practitioners to make important contributions to the vibrant, diverse field of nursing and health care.

**Learning from a Quality Faculty**

School of Nursing students receive close, personal attention from an experienced faculty with clinical expertise in many nursing specialties. Faculty members have completed doctoral studies at major universities and many are advanced practice nurses or work in other clinical settings. Our faculty and their research interests include:

- **Dr. Victoria N. Folse,** Director and Professor, School of Nursing, A.P.N. Ph.D. — Saint Louis University
  Specializes in eating disorders, suicide risk, family functioning, instrument development, stress and trauma, and professional decision-making.

- **Dr. Lydia A. Bertschi,** Assistant Professor of Nursing, A.P.N. D.N.P. — University of Illinois, Chicago
  Specializes in critical care nursing, with research interests in cardiovascular disease risk in Haiti and other low-resource settings.

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**Courses Offered**
- Human Biology: Anatomy and Physiology I and II
- Basic Chemistry
- The Microbial World
- Lifespan Developmental Psychology
- Human Nutrition
- Pathophysiology I and II
- Health Assessment and Professional Communication
- Health Promotion and Risk Reduction
- Adult Nursing I and II
- Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing
- Child and Adolescent Nursing
- Research in Nursing Practice
- Nursing in Complex Situations
- Maternal and Newborn Nursing
- Business Organization and Management
- Nursing Leadership and Management in Health Care
- Public Health Nursing

**May Term Courses Related to Nursing**
- Transcultural Healthcare in Hawaii
- Spanish Language Study in Cuernavaca, Mexico or in Santiago, Chile
- Human Sexuality
- Abuse in America

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As both a graduate and director of the School of Nursing at Illinois Wesleyan University, I feel a tremendous sense of pride in our students, faculty and professional staff. We look forward to impacting the personal and professional development of each student and fostering close relationships that allow students to excel in and out of the classroom.”

Dr. Victoria N. Folse
Director and Professor
Caroline F. Rupert Endowed Chair of Nursing

Putting Learning into Practice

- The School of Nursing Interventions Laboratory allows students to work with three full-time registered nurses, including a simulation expert and an advanced practice nurse plus state-of-the-art equipment in the Simulation Center.
- Nursing majors may pursue an internship in an area of their interest with both regional and major medical centers, such as OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria, Illinois, and the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.
- Two professional organizations with chapters on campus, Student Nurses’ Association and Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, are available to eligible students.
- Study abroad options with cultural immersion in several countries, such as a full semester in Barcelona, Spain, and May Term or summer study in Santiago, Chile.