



# KEUKA COLLEGE DIVISION OF NURSING: The Right Fit for Working Professionals

**“O**ur nursing program has a unique history,” says Dr. Debra Gates, Chair of Keuka College’s Division of Nursing. As World War II escalated, College leaders asked First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt—who had visited campus in 1938—how the all-female student body might support U.S. war efforts. Her advice? Offer nurse training. Inspired, the College swiftly added new courses and then a nursing major in 1943.

Fast-forward 73 years. The school has been co-ed since 1985, but Keuka College’s Division of Nursing still has roots in Mrs. Roosevelt’s suggestion. “We have developed programs along the way that meet the changing needs of our community and the world,” says Dr. Gates.

Accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education and designed for working professionals, Keuka College’s nursing program is a perfect fit for those who already have an associate or bachelor’s degree in nursing and are looking to move to the next level—advancing an RN into a bachelor’s degree or a bachelor’s degree into a master’s, or even joining the school’s new Nurse Practitioner program, which focuses on adult/gerontology primary care.

### Catering to Students

Keuka College makes higher education convenient for working nurses by offering more



**A student nurse in action at the Mariposa DR Foundation in the Dominican Republic. Associate Professor of Nursing Dr. Patty Mattingly leads a team of Keuka College students on this service trip each year.**

than 90 percent of nursing classes at off-campus locations throughout New York state, including hospitals and local health agencies. “Our faculty members bring the spirit of Keuka College to you,” says Dr. Gates.

Small class sizes are the norm, and students learn from faculty who are “not just grounded in theory” as educators, says Dr. Gates. All are active nurses, nurse practitioners, or focused on scholarship in their areas of expertise. And the College’s proximity to notable medical centers gives students outstanding opportunities to obtain meaningful clinical practicums.

### Meeting the Nursing Faculty Shortage Head-On

Keuka College continues to meet the future needs of the nursing profession, including advancing the education of all nurses, by offering a master’s degree in nursing education.

“We’re proud to be doing our part to help alleviate the national nursing faculty shortage,” says Dr. Gates.

Four alumni are full-time Keuka College faculty members, and many regional two- and four-year nursing schools include Keuka College graduates on their faculty.

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