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PSC's online RN to BSN Program ranked among best by U.S. News

Pensacola State College is 2nd in Florida College System,
6th overall in Florida and 41st in U.S.

Pensacola State College's online RN to BSN (Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing) Program continues to be ranked among the best by U.S. News and World Report.

In the publication's "Best Online Bachelor's Programs 2024 Edition," the program was ranked second among the 28 Florida College System institutions and sixth among all public and private Florida colleges and universities.

On the national level, Pensacola State was listed as 41st among 348 ranked public and private institutions in the United States.

Pensacola State President Ed Meadows said the U.S. News and World Report online RN to BSN Program rankings speak to the quality education and training nursing students receive at the College.

“PSC continues to exhibit excellence in instruction by being ranked second in the Florida College System for the best online bachelor’s degree nursing program,” Meadow said.

“Not only are we one of the top online nursing programs in the Florida College System but also the nation with a national ranking of 41, which is an even better ranking than last year at 77. We have our exceptional nursing faculty and academic support team to thank for continuing to provide exceptional nursing graduates for our community and beyond.”

To calculate the rankings, U.S. News and World Report assessed schools based on four categories: engagement (35 percent), services and technologies (25 percent), faculty credentials and training (20 percent), and expert opinion (20 percent).

Pensacola State earned an overall score of 83 out of 100 points.

Dusti Sluder, PSC Dean of Health Sciences, attributed the online RN to BSN Program’s success to “a remarkable community of faculty educators, students and partnered clinicians.”

“It is an honor to receive such recognition for our commitment and passion to the program,” she said.

Launched in 2011, the College's Online RN to BSN Program accommodates students already working in the health care field. As of December 2023, more than 420 students have earned Bachelor of Science in Nursing degrees from Pensacola State.

Corey Lofton, the College’s Director of Nursing, said it is truly an honor to guide a team of dedicated faculty members who contribute daily to the nationally-ranked nursing program.

“Our nationally ranked nursing program has focused efforts on excellence in healthcare education, commitment to academic rigor, cutting-edge training, and cultivating a compassionate workforce,” he said.

“The program's recognition on a national level is a testament to the unwavering commitment of faculty and graduates who exceed industry standards, contributing to healthcare advancements and our community's well-being. It is truly gratifying to be part of an institution that prioritizes the highest standards of nursing education and prepares future nurses to make a meaningful impact in the health care field.”

The U.S. News and World Report ranking is the second accolade for the College in 2024.

In Intelligent.com 2024 “Most Affordable Online RN to BSN Programs” rankings, Pensacola State was listed as No. 12 out of 45 national university and college programs.

Intelligent.com provides informational resources and support to help students and parents make informed decisions about higher education.

Among Florida institutions, Pensacola State is ranked No. 5 behind No. 1 Florida International University, No. 2 the University of Central Florida, No. 6 Daytona State College, and No. 11 St. Petersburg College in the Intelligent.com rankings.

The cost per credit hour for the College’s online RN to BSN program is \$120.89 for in-state students and \$486.49 for out-of-state students. Students must complete 120 hours of credit to graduate from the program.

Pensacola State earned an “Intelligent Score” of 92.81 (out of 100) in the organization’s comprehensive report, which analyzed over 3,000 academic institutions.

An exclusive methodology ranks each institution on a scale from 0 to 100 across six categories. Evaluations are based on quantitative measures such as academic quality, graduation rate, cost and ROI (return on investment), and student resources.

Published annually, the U.S. News and World Report listing ranks more than 1,400 private and public colleges and universities. The complete “Best Colleges 2024 Edition” report will be released Wednesday, Feb 7, and is available at www.usnews.com/bestcolleges.



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