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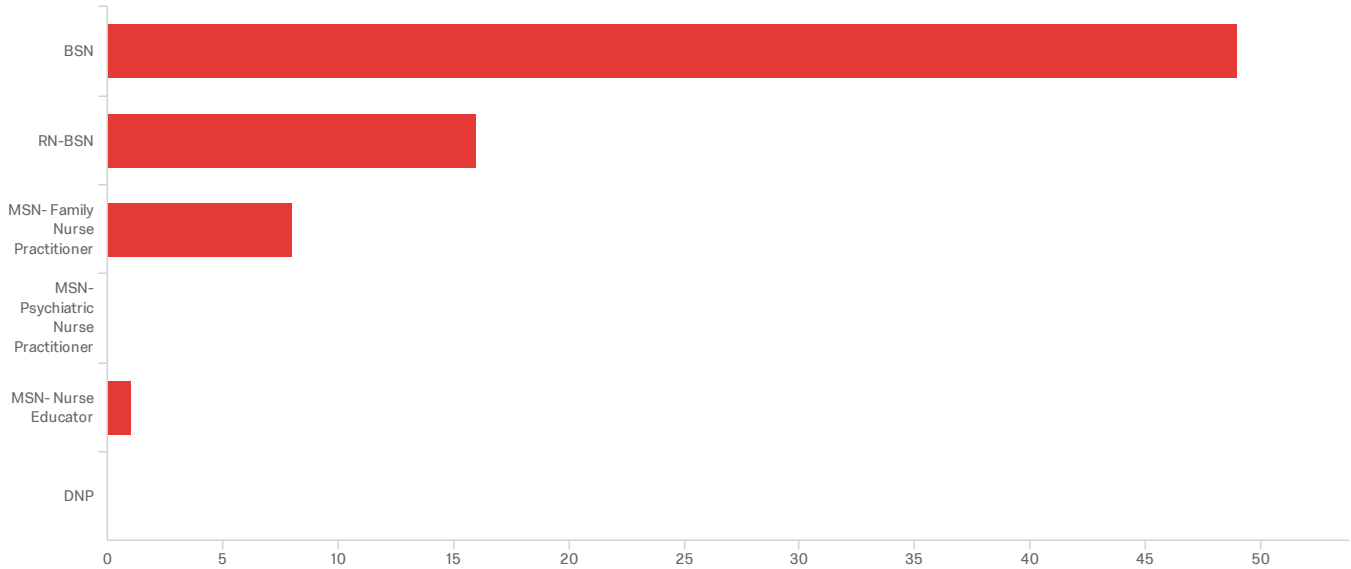
Alumni Satisfaction Survey 2019

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Q2 - Please indicate the degree to which you agree with the following statements:

#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	I am satisfied with the Georgia College program from which I graduated.	1.00	5.00	4.64	0.69	0.47	66
2	I think the Georgia College program prepared me well to practice in my chosen role (RN, FNP, PMHNP, etc.).	1.00	5.00	4.61	0.72	0.51	66
3	I would recommend the Georgia College program from which I graduated to others.	1.00	5.00	4.74	0.80	0.65	66

Q19 - From what program(s) did you graduate from the School of Nursing? (Select all that apply).



#	Field	Choice Count
1	BSN	66.22% 49
2	RN-BSN	21.62% 16
3	MSN- Family Nurse Practitioner	10.81% 8
4	MSN- Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner	0.00% 0
5	MSN- Nurse Educator	1.35% 1
6	DNP	0.00% 0

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Q3 - In what areas does the School of Nursing excel?

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I feel like I know good patho behind different diseases more so than other new nurses

The professors are AMAZING and so helpful and really work with the students on a one to one basis

Clinical experience (in-hospital and lab)

[1] the teachers --they are very encouraging, eager to teach, and want you to succeed (especially Dr. Goldsberry & Dr. Handwerker) [2] simulations were also very helpful! [3] allowing nursing students to be on their own (with another RN) in practicum. At my job, other nurses on the floor had to do practicum with their professors, and I feel like nursing students get a better grasp of "real world nursing" by allowing them to work side by side with a preceptor RN who is not affiliated with the school. [4] classes to help pass the NCLEX (Thank you Dr. Moore)

Compared to a lot of other new grads, I felt very prepared and comfortable right away! I got comments all the time about how much I knew in comparison to other new grads and I had to owe it all to GCSU!! Keep doing great things because even huge hospitals like Vanderbilt notice the difference!

Simulation in place of clinical setting

Simulations, NCLEX preparation, providing students with a variety of clinical experiences, learning how to think critically.

Med/surg nursing courses; professor approachability and care for students

Providing lectures, labs, and resources that help students to grow and learn

Teaching the practical knowledge that we will actually use, and giving a through explanation for why thing are done the way that they are

Nclex preparation

Clinical hours

med surg

teaching what is necessary in practice more then just facts

When compared to my peers who graduated from other programs, I feel as though we have a stronger base in leadership.

Professional and clinical preparation

Preparing for the NCLEX, patient care techniques that advocate for the patient, and giving a great knowledge background for any situation I have encountered so far.

Clinical experience, test prep, med surg/foundational skills, critical thinking

Assessment skills, individualized support for students

Clinical skills, legal and ethics, patient centered care

In what areas does the School of Nursing excel?

Nclex prep

Caring about the students

Course content

It gave us lots of different areas to have clinical in and learn about. I liked how GCSU showed us there were more opportunities in nursing than being a floor nurse at a hospital.

The education is exceptional and they have an incredible reputation

I felt prepared for the exit exam, the NCLEX, and I had the fundamentals of nursing that helped me even going into a specialty nursing area after graduation.

Preparing you for the NCLEX

It offers good clinical experience

Clinical hours/ opportunities

Preparations

Making sure students get excellent clinical experience whether it's in the hospital or simulation lab

Excellent practicum hours and knowledge professors

Gcsu nursing excels in giving students an opportunity to practice in real life situations.

Preparing for clinical (amount of hours for practicing) and the material covered

Clinical, practicum

I was so prepared for the Nclex, I passed in 75 questions my first try! I think the school of nursing excels in the faculty they have! I felt so encouraged the entire way through nursing school by each teacher and clinical instructor I had! I felt the education and clinical experience prepared me! It was not easy but I'm so thankful to have graduated from Georgia college!

Clinical reasoning

Approachable staff. Nursing lab was fantastic at preparing us for real life skills and patient interactions

Classroom info/knowing what to do and why. Putting clinical skills into practice

Clinical experience. I feel like the amount of practicum hours we had to do really prepared me for the transition of being a new nurse.

Passing the NCLEX

A lot of clinical hours

Learning time management, basic skills, confidence

In what areas does the School of Nursing excel?

Med-Surg 1, Med-Surg 2, pharmacology, Peds, practicum,

I felt well prepared in my roll as an RN once I graduated from GCSU. I entered into a leadership role immediately as a new grad and felt that I was given the tools I needed in order to do so. I love GCSU.

Learning abroad opportunities.

pediatric studies

The school of nursing excelled in being fair and objective.

It prepares you professionally and clinically in the healthcare setting. I learned so much and came out of my bubble. I feel confident in how I'm caring for my patients and the knowledge I gained. It's because of GCSU preparation I feel this way.

Q9 - Any additional comments?

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Can't wait to come back!!

n/a

If y'all ever need anything please let me know :)

I could not have asked for a better nursing education than the one I received at GCSU. I am so thankful for the wonderful professors and clinical instructors who pushed me and believed in me.

None

need more hospital clinical experiences in peds- I went into peds specialty and feel like I could have been better prepared for it if we had spent a little more time in peds clinicals

I felt very prepared to start my nursing career and have had a smooth transition from school to clinical practice

In my experience so far, I can't anticipate a situation to prepare in advance, you learn as you go with each shift. That's the mindset GCSU taught me!

I would have appreciated more time spent on the new grad job app process!

I think I was prepared exceptionally well to work on the floor or in a step down unit. Working in a high acuity, specialized ICU has been challenging, but I think that is to be expected. An ICU practicum placement has been critical for me as a new grad to not only get a job interview for an ICU position, but also to adjust to the acuity and treatments. I think it would be helpful to go into further detail with the students interested in the ICU with some basic ICU concepts (titratable drips, mechanical ventilation, crrt, shock, sepsis, ards, dic, mods). Maybe a few forums for interested students would be helpful.

I am so grateful for Georgia College and all the teachers that helped me get where I am!

Room for improvement on practicum placements & more specialized placements

The most discouraging things I'd ever heard about myself came from some of the instructors that have tenure at GCSU. Never have I felt so beaten down by people who should be fostering my growth as a young nurse.

I wish we could have had more clinical experience in specialty areas, such as NICU, ED, etc.

I think a critical care class would be a cool addition to the program. I also think it would be helpful to learn about and be introduced to every day items that are used in dressing changes and other every day activities.

GCSU has a very difficult program that prepared me well for nursing. I work at augusta university hospital, and I've talked to the other people I work with who graduated here. They have to do only half the hours that we did. Practicum prepared me better than anything else, so I really appreciate the amount of hours we got.

The amount of practicum hours seem tedious at the beginning, but the hours made all the difference.

After talking to other new nurses I feel our program is outstanding. Some new grads had never done a foley or an IV on a real patient. With the new sim lab and all the clinical hours I felt extremely prepared!

Any additional comments?

I was told that our practicum was to prepare us for the NCLEX, not our future careers. I understand nursing schools are judged based on pass rates, but I would have much preferred a practicum related to the field I was entering, since I knew my job before the spring semester began.

Having great clinical instructors made a HUGE difference in my skills and confidence

I am thankful for my time and this school and relationships I formed with my mentors. I think there should be an interview process in order to help better choose students based on their passion for nursing rather than just test scores. There is much more to nursing school than just the NCLEX passing rate. Something I will now encourage anyone asking me about nursing school is to check the retention rate. My main concern is that I was not able to choose at all where I would be for my practicum placement. I was placed on a Neuro floor for a second time, which I knew I had no interest in. It made it extremely challenging for me to get a job in any of the areas that interested me; a common situation I found with a significant number of my classmates. I am now working in Women's Services; which has been an extremely challenging transition particularly due to my lack of clinical experience in Women's Health. The focus needs to be shifted to clinical experience. I think there needs to be a role transition course in the last semester that focuses on preparing students for applying to jobs with focus on resumes, interviews, professional attire, networking, and then a focus on the challenges new nurses face.

FNP students need more assistance with finding clinical preceptors, especially for specialties such as pediatrics. There should be agreements between the school and clinical facilities to offer preceptors to students, instead of the students having to make cold calls and find preceptors on their own.

no

I was disappointed to see that the BSN program only graduated one African American student. If the school of nursing is expecting diversity in alumni donations, there needs to be more diversity in the school of nursing programs student population.

End of Report