

UIC COLLEGE OF NURSING

Historical Timeline

Date	Event
Early 1940's	Nursing courses taught at University of Illinois as per hospital requests.
Spring 1942	Recommendation for an appropriation to establish an affiliate School of Nursing is made to the University of Illinois (UI).
Spring 1943	Board of Trustees approves an appropriation for a School of Nursing.
July 1943	Board of Trustees approves a Senior Cadet Nurses survey of the University of Illinois Medical Center as a basis for a comprehensive Nursing program at the University of Illinois in Chicago? Medical Center under the leadership of Raymond B. Allen, Executive Dean.
September 1944	Effie Taylor*, Dean Emeritus, Yale School of Nursing (1944-1970) and President, International Council of Nurses, presents a report titled <u>A Study of Facilities and Resources to Consider the Advisability of Establishing a College of Nursing as an Integral Part of the University of Illinois</u> to the President of the University of Illinois
July 1948	Proposal for a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing is presented.
May 1949	Agreement for an affiliation with four affiliate hospitals for a RN to BSN program is reached.
September 1949	Affiliate program is inaugurated; Emily Cardew, R.N., M.S., is appointed Coordinator of Nursing Education by the University of Illinois.
September 1949	Plans for a University Of Illinois College of Nursing building and residence - appropriation of \$1,700,000 is requested and denied.
1951	Board of Trustees authorizes the organization of the School of Nursing as an autonomous unit of the university.
1953	Board of Trustees approves a four-year program combining general education and professional nursing instruction leading to the degree of Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

September 1954	First class of 12 students admitted to the School of Nursing. Average cost of a uniform is \$7.80.
1955	University of Illinois awards first diplomas to nursing graduates from Cook County Hospital.
June 1955	Affiliate agreements terminate with reorganization of curriculum for a University of Illinois School of Nursing.
September 1956	Emily Cardew is appointed as the Dean of the School of Nursing (1956 – 1961).
May 1957	First class of eight students graduates.
1958	The RN to BSN program is accredited by the National League for Nursing.
1959	School of Nursing becomes the College of Nursing by vote of the University of Illinois Board of Trustees.
1961	University of Illinois at the Medical Center releases <u>The Collegiate Way to Nursing</u> , a recruiting tool outlining the advantages of collegiate preparation in nursing, along with pertinent information for entering school. Total expenses and maintenance for students living on campus average at \$1,400.
October 1962	Mary Kelly Mullane, Ph.D., R.N. is appointed Dean (1962-1971).
1962	A graduate program in psychiatric nursing is approved by the Board of Trustees with support from the National Institutes of Health.
September 1963	Five students are admitted to the Master of Nursing Science program.
June 1967	Katherine A. Faville, M.S., R.N. is the first nurse to receive an honorary degree as a Doctor of Science from the University of Illinois.
September 1967	Ground breaking for the College of Nursing building takes place.
1969	A Nurse Scientist grant from the National Institutes of Health is awarded to the college to support nursing through doctoral study in a science.
1970	College of Nursing building is completed.
1971	Virginia Ohlson Ph.D., R.N., FAAN is appointed Acting Dean (1971 – 1972)
September 1972	Mary Lohr, Ed.D., R.N. is appointed Dean (1972 – 1977).
1972	Regional Programs are initiated through a federal grant.
1972	The Nurse-Midwifery Program opens spearheaded by Lilian Runnerstrom Ph.D., R.N. The program is the first graduate program in Midwifery in the country.
1974	Peoria Regional Program opens
July 1974	Board of Trustees approves the first PhD program in Nursing in the State.
September 1975	Nine students are admitted for doctoral study.
1976	Urbana Regional Program opens
1977	Helen Grace, Ph.D, R.N., FAAN, is appointed Dean (1977-1982).
August 1980	The RN-BSN program opens at the Quad Cities regional program.
1980	College of Nursing 25 th Anniversary is celebrated
1982	Carolyn Carlson Ph.D., R.N. appointed Acting Dean (1982-1983)

1983	Mitzi L. Duxbury, Ph.D., R.N., FAAN, appointed Dean (1983-1989).
1984	Virginia Ohlson Ph.D., R.N., FAAN retires from UIC. The Ohlson International Studies Endowment is established.
1985	College of Nursing receives its largest gift to the University of Illinois at Chicago by a private donor. J. A. Piscopo gives in excess of \$700,000 to establish the Center for Narcolepsy Research at the College of Nursing.
1985	Mi Ja Kim, Ph.D., R.N., FAAN receives the UIC University Scholar Award.
1987	Center For Narcolepsy Research opens.
Summer 1987	Joint Nursing/MBA program is offered.
1987	College of Nursing is designated by the World Health Organization (WHO) as a Collaborating Center for Nursing Development and first Secretariat of the Global Network of WHO Collaborating Centers for Nursing and Midwifery
1988	Mi Ja Kim, Ph.D., R.N., FAAN is appointed Acting Dean (1988-1989)
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1989	Harriet Werly, Ph.D., R.N., FAAN, receives a honorary doctor of science degree.
August 1989	Midwest Nursing History Resource Center is dedicated.
1990	Irving Harris Visiting Professorship is funded.
1990	College of Nursing celebrates the 35 th anniversary and the Quad Cities Program celebrates the 10 th anniversary.
October 1990	College of Nursing hosts "Wake Up America" rally. Volunteers travel across the country to build awareness and support federal funding for sleep disorder research.
1991	Rockford regional program is opened.
1991	A gala reception honoring Virginia Ohlson Ph.D., R.N., FAAN is celebrated, upon the conferment by His Majesty the Emperor of Japan of the Third Order of the Precious Crown butterfly, an order of knighthood, in recognition of meritorious services post WWII.
1992	The College received the first Institutional Research Training grant on "Biological Based Nursing Research.
1993	Harriet H. Werley Chair for Nursing Research, first endowed academic chair in the College is endowed by Harriet H. Werley Ph.D., FAAN.
1993	College of Nursing Primary Health Care Center is established.
1993	College of Nursing begins two-way video conferencing classes with the regions.
1994	College is restructured from five departments to three.
August 1995	Mi Ja Kim Endowed Visiting Scholar Fund is endowed by Mi Ja Kim Ph.D., R.N., FAAN. A bust of Florence Nightingale is commissioned in honor of Dr. Kim.
1995	Kathleen Potempa, Ph.D., R.N., FAAN appointed Acting Dean (1995-1996)
May 1996	Suzanne L. Feetham Ph.D., R.N., FAAN becomes the first Harriet H. Werley Endowed Chair in Nursing Research.
October 1996	Joan Shaver, Ph.D., R.N., FAAN is appointed Dean (1996-present).

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1997	Joseph and May Lou Piscopo make the largest gift given by an individual to UIC, \$5 million to endow the Center for Narcolepsy Research.
October 1997	First Power of Nursing Leadership celebration incorporates the Mary Kelly Mullane Symposium.
November 1998	Mary Kelly Mullane, Ph.D., R.N. receives the American Academy of Nursing Living Legend Award.
1999	Center for Women's Health and Chronic Illness is funded.
1999	UIC Nursing Institute is created to advance entrepreneurial initiatives that integrate teaching, research, and practice.
1999	Chieko Onoda R.N., M.S. is honored by the Japanese Foreign Minister with an award for her contributions to the Japanese Nursing Profession.
2000	Irving Harris Faculty Scholar Initiative is funded with a \$1,000,000 donation from the Irving Harris Foundation.
March 2001	Urbana Regional program celebrates the 25 th anniversary.
August 2001	NIH Exploratory Center for Research on Cardiovascular and Respiratory Health is funded.
Fall 2001	BSN/PHD program to prepare faculty is begun.
2003	Diana Wilkie, Ph.D., R.N., FAAN is appointed the Harriet H. Werley Endowed Chair for Research.
Fall 2003	Jan Larson, Ph.D., R.N., FAAN receives the UIC University Scholar Award.
Fall 2003	The Lilian Runnerstrom Institute of Excellence in Study of Women, Children and Family Health is dedicated.
Fall 2004	Dean Joan Shaver becomes the President of the American Academy of Nursing.
2004	Peoria Regional program celebrates the 30 th anniversary.
September 2004	NIH Center for Reducing Risk in Vulnerable Populations is funded.
Fall 2004	College of Nursing admits the first group of students into the Graduate Entry Program.
May 2005	College of Nursing celebrates the 50 th anniversary with a gala at the Adler Planetarium.
Fall 2006	The Doctorate of Nursing Practice program is approved by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.
May 2007	The College of Nursing awards Shirley Welsh Ryan an Honorary Degree. Mrs. Ryan co-founded and serves as Chair of Pathways Awareness, a national not-for-profit organization committed to helping raise awareness about the importance of early detection and early therapy for infants with motor and developmental delays.