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Exploring Social Justice for Vulnerable Populations:

The Face of the Veteran

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The Rita M. McGinley Symposium

The annual Rita M. McGinley Symposium, sponsored by the Duquesne University School of Nursing, provides a national forum where scholars, researchers, policy makers and health care professionals can share ideas for alleviating disparities in health, wellness and access to health care services.

The School of Nursing hosts this national forum on health care issues, using the tradition of Catholic social thought as a unifying principle. Social justice emphasizes human dignity and the value of each human life. It encourages people to focus on the common good while not losing sight of individual needs and wishes. In health care, social justice demands that all persons, especially vulnerable individuals and populations, participate in decisions that affect their well-being.

Duquesne University is an ideal place for a symposium on social justice and health care. Duquesne was founded in 1878 by the Congregation of the Holy Spirit, the Spiritans, a Catholic missionary order that assists needy and marginalized persons throughout the world.

The McGinley Symposium is made possible through a generous grant from the Rita M. McGinley Foundation.

The Jacques Laval Endowed Chair for Justice for Vulnerable Populations

Sr. Rosemary Donley, S.C., PhD, APRN-BC, FAAN
Jacques Laval Chair in Justice for Vulnerable Populations
Duquesne University School of Nursing

Addressing social injustice is a key aspect of Duquesne University’s heritage and character, and our commitment to helping those most in need is being advanced through the efforts of Sr. Rosemary Donley, holder of the Jacques Laval Endowed Chair in Justice for Vulnerable Populations.

In addition to teaching and conducting research related to health care access and quality for underserved persons and communities, Sr. Donley is the principal organizer of the McGinley Symposium.

The Laval Chair is endowed through a bequest from the estate of the late Thomas F. Bogovich, a 1953 Duquesne University School of Business graduate.


The Laval Chair is named for Jacques Laval, a 17th century missionary and physician who worked among freed slaves on the Indian Ocean island of Mauritius, where he was able to transcend racial, cultural and religious obstacles and restore a sense of dignity to people who had been freed but not liberated.

Laval was a member of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit, the Catholic order that founded Duquesne University. This first endowed chair in the School of Nursing calls attention to the faculty’s identification with the mission and purpose of Duquesne and the social justice tradition of the Catholic Church.
The third annual Rita M. McGinley Symposium

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America is home to nearly 22.5 million veterans. They served in World War II, Korea, Vietnam, the Gulf War and the current conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as on peacekeeping and humanitarian missions around the world and in the United States. Their ages range from teenagers to 90 and above, and more than 1.8 million are women.

Despite their numbers or the debt that they are owed by the nation, fewer than one-third of America’s veterans receive health care in the Veterans Administration hospitals and clinics. This means that private non-profit and for-profit providers are on the front lines serving veterans in acute care settings, ambulatory clinics, homes and communities, making veterans’ health care issues of great concern to a wide range of professionals.

The McGinley Symposia examine and discuss important clinical, practice and health policy issues through the lens of social justice. This year’s Rita M. McGinley Symposium is organized around the following themes:

- Resiliency
- Veterans with minimal brain damage and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorders
- The woman veteran
- The aging and chronically ill veteran
- The homeless veteran
- The families of veterans

Organized by Sr. Rosemary Donley, holder of the Jacques Laval Chair for Justice for Vulnerable Populations, this annual symposium is one expression of the Duquesne University School of Nursing’s commitment to advocate and care for vulnerable people by working to create a more just society. For more information about the Rita M. McGinley Symposium, visit the Laval Chair’s website: www.duq.edu/social-justice.

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

Duquesne University School of Nursing is approved as a provider of continuing education in nursing by the Pennsylvania State Nurses Association, which is an accredited approver of continuing education in nursing by the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation.

The McGinley Symposium is also approved for continuing education credits for social workers and Category 2 continuing education credits for physicians.
ANNA C. ALT-WHITE, PHD, RN

Dr. Alt-White is the director for research and academic programs in the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Office of Nursing Services, where she is responsible for planning and formulating national policies and activities that impact nursing staff. Specifically, she focuses on increasing nursing research capacity, implementing an evidence-based practice infrastructure, promoting practice-academic partnerships and fostering innovation in the VA. She consults and collaborates with other program offices, VISNs, facility leadership teams, nurse executives, professional organizations, consumer groups and stakeholders to address complex healthcare delivery and nursing practices at a national level.

Currently she is a member of the adjunct faculty at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences and serves as the VA’s representative to the National Institute for Nursing Research’s Advisory Council as well as the AACN-AONE Academic-Practice Steering Committee. Her previous VA experiences include being a clinical nurse researcher, IRB chairperson, and deputy director of the VA’s Mid-Atlantic Regional Office of Research Oversight. Prior to government service, she served as a faculty member at the Catholic University of America. She earned a nursing diploma from Johns Hopkins Hospital School of Nursing, a BS from the Johns Hopkins University, an MSN from the Catholic University of America, and a PhD in Nursing from the University of Maryland at Baltimore.

ROGER BROOKE, PHD, ABPP

Dr. Brooke, a board-certified and licensed clinical psychologist, is a professor of psychology and director of Military Psychological Services at Duquesne University. He also served as director of clinical training at Duquesne from 1994–2007.

He spent his formative professional years in South Africa, where he was on faculty at Rhodes University, Grahamstown, and worked with the victims of violence on both sides of that nation’s political conflict during the 1980s. He is author of Jung and Phenomenology (Routledge 1991/Trivium 2010) and contributing editor of Pathways into the Jungian World (Routledge 1999). He spent his national service in South Africa’s 1st Parachute Battalion. For more information, visit rogerbrookephd.com.
LAUREN MATUKAITIS BROYLES, PHD, RN

Dr. Broyles is a research health scientist at the Center for Health Equity Research and Promotion (CHERP) and an investigator with the VISN 4 Mental Illness Research, Education and Clinical Center (MIRECC) at the VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System (VAPHS). She is also the recipient of a five-year VA Career Development Award to improve the identification and management of alcohol misuse among hospitalized veterans, and serves as an assistant professor of medicine at the University of Pittsburgh.

Her program of research focuses on the design, testing and implementation of interdisciplinary, nurse-delivered alcohol screening, brief intervention and referral to treatment (SBIRT) in the inpatient and primary care settings. She also has interests in building partnerships between nurse investigators and nurse clinicians that support the generation of new knowledge and facilitate the implementation of research findings. In addition to her VA Career Development Award, Dr. Broyles has received research funding from the NIH (pre-doctoral fellowship) as well as from the VISN4 MIRECC, the VA Quality Enhancement Research Initiative (QUERI) program and the American Nurses Foundation.

She is the recipient of the 2010 New Investigator Award from the Association for Medical Education and Research in Substance Abuse (AMERSA) and the recipient of the 2011 Research Award from the International Nurses Society on Addictions.

JULIEHERA DE STEFANO

An independent producer and filmmaker, DeStefano produced and directed Journey to Normal: Women of War Come Home, a feature-length documentary and online narrative film archive about the strength and resiliency of our women in uniform. The film explores the unique challenges these women face rejoining their families and communities after a deployment to the combat zone.

To make the film, DeStefano spent more than three months, at the invitation of Task Force Medical-East, embedded with the US armed forces in Afghanistan, where she filmed and interviewed over 100 women about their military experiences, their lives before being deployed and what they envisioned when they returned home. She is currently filming a number of these women and their families in the United States in order to document their journey home and learn what they would most like the American public to understand about their experiences.

The film was conceived in the spring of 2009 and is slated for theatrical release in spring 2013. To learn more about the Journey to Normal project, please visit: www.journeytonormal.org. DeStefano is a native of Pittsburgh and a graduate of Carnegie Mellon University (BFA).
Keynote Speakers

MICHAEL D. PARKINSON, MD, MPH, FACPM

Dr. Parkinson is the senior medical director for health and productivity for both UPMC Health Plan and UPMC WorkPartners. He has spent his career advising on public health, preventive medicine and consumer-driven health plans and is currently a member of the editorial boards of the *American Journal of Preventive Medicine* and the *American Journal of Medical Quality*.

A retired Air Force colonel, Dr. Parkinson’s final military assignment was as associate director of medical programs and resources in the Office of the Surgeon General. He served on the National Advisory Committee of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation’s Health Care Purchasing Institute. He was also the vice chair of the American Board of Preventive Medicine and a member of the Residency Review Committee. In addition, Dr. Parkinson served as president of the American College of Preventive Medicine and executive vice president and chief health and medical officer of Lumenos, a subsidiary of WellPoint and a pioneer of consumer-driven health plans.

Dr. Parkinson earned his bachelor’s degree from Cornell University, his MD from George Washington University and completed his family practice training at UCLA. He earned his MPH at Johns Hopkins University, where he finished his preventive medicine residency as well as his chief residency.

CATHERINE RICK, RN, PHD (h), NEA-BC, FAAN, FACHE

Catherine Rick is the chief officer in the Office of Nursing Services of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), where she provides leadership and guidance to the 80,000 nursing personnel who care for nearly six million veterans each year. As the VA’s chief nursing executive, she is responsible for the development, implementation and evaluation of national policies and the strategic planning activities that support the missions of the Veterans Health Administration (VHA): clinical care, education, research, backup to the Department of Defense and emergency preparedness.

She has more than 35 years of experience in clinical leadership and executive-level health care roles as well as clinical expertise in medical surgical and intensive care nursing. She has published on a wide range of nursing topics and is a frequent speaker on advancing nursing practice, patient care delivery models and leadership principles in all nursing roles. She is currently an adjunct assistant professor of nursing at the Uniformed Services University, a guest lecturer at the George Mason Health Policy Institute and a member of the editorial board for *Nursing Administration Quarterly*.

She earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Alverno College (Milwaukee) and a Master of Science in Nursing Administration from Marquette University. She is a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing and the American College of Healthcare Executives.
JOHN SAWICKI, C.S.Sp.

Fr. Sawicki is an assistant professor of political science and director of the Center for International Relations at Duquesne University, as well as an adjunct professor in the Program on Terrorism and Security Studies at the George C. Marshall Center for European Security in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany.

He teaches national security courses in political science and international relations at Duquesne and lectures in counter-terror finance and religious violence at the Marshall Center, and at United States embassies and military facilities around the world. He holds a Ph.D. from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University.

REV. MICHAEL D. WURSCHMIDT

An Air Force veteran, Rev. Wurschmidt has become nationally recognized as an advocate for veterans, especially those who are homeless. He is the founder and current pastor of Shepherd’s Heart Fellowship, an urban congregation of the Anglican Diocese of Pittsburgh, founded in 1993 and dedicated to providing help and hope to the city’s homeless.

“Pastor Mike,” as he is affectionately known, serves also as the executive director of Shepherd’s Heart Veterans’ Home, founded in 2006, which provides transitional housing to homeless veterans. Since the program began, Shepherd’s Heart Veterans’ Home has had over a 75 percent success rate among homeless veterans who have completed the program, helping them to meet personal goals, reintegrate into society and obtain permanent housing. He also serves as a chaplain for the VA’s Pittsburgh Healthcare System, specializing in the causes and prevention of homelessness among veterans and is the co-founder and a former consultant with Project Home Again, a national program of World Vision that was created to help local churches adopt homeless veterans.

Rev. Wurschmidt has been in ministry since 1984, working among the poor and homeless since 1988. He was ordained an Anglican Priest in 1998. He holds a Master of Divinity degree from Trinity School for Ministry, in Ambridge, Pa.
Symposium Agenda

Thursday, October 25

8:15 a.m. Registration  Shepperson Suite, Power Center

Presentation of Colors  Section BC

Star Spangled Banner
Sung by Thomas D. Koharchik
U.S. Army Iraq War Veteran
Graduate Student of the Mary Pappert School of Music, Duquesne University

8:30 a.m. Welcome  Section BC

Sr. Rosemary Donley, S.C., PhD, APRN, BC, FAAN
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Mary Ellen Glasgow, PhD, RN, ACNS-BC
Professor and Dean, Duquesne University School of Nursing

Charles Dougherty, Ph.D.
President, Duquesne University

Vice President for Mission and Identity, Duquesne University

9:15 a.m. Keynote Address – Department of Veterans Affairs Mission and Vision  Section BC

Catherine Rick, PhD (h), RN, NEA-BC, FACHE
Chief Nursing Officer
Veterans Health Administration

Moderator: Ira Richmond, DNP, RN, MS, NEA-BC
Associate Director, Patient Care Services
VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System

10:20 a.m. Break and Poster Viewing  Shepperson Suite, Power Center

11:20 a.m. Plenary Panel – The Face of the Veteran: Seeking Knowledge to Enhance the Care of Veterans  Section A

Research and Evidence-Based Practice: Foundation for Veterans’ Health Care

Anna C. Alt-White, PhD, RN
Director, Research and Academic Programs
Office of Nursing Services
Veterans Health Administration, Washington, D.C.

Bridging the Great Divide: Clinical and Research Partnerships to Improve Health Care for Vulnerable Veterans

Lauren Matukaitis Broyles, PhD, RN
Research Health Scientist, Center for Health Equity Research and Promotion (CHERP)
VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System
Assistant Professor of Medicine, University of Pittsburgh

Moderator: Linda Goodfellow, PhD, RN
Associate Professor, Duquesne University School of Nursing

12:30–1:30 p.m. Lunch  Section BC
1:40 p.m.  **Keynote Address – Journey to Normal: Impressions of the Modern Warrior**  
JulieHera DeStefano  
Producer/Director  

*Moderator:* Mary Esther Van Shura, EdD  
Director of Community Affairs  
Office of Allegheny County Executive Richard Fitzgerald

2:50 p.m.  **Breakout Session 1 – The Face of the Veteran Coming Home**

*Please choose one of the sessions below. Each session will have two presentations.*

**Session 1a**  
**Post-traumatic Growth Among Operation Enduring and Operation Iraqi Freedom Veterans**  
Bonnie Benetato, PhD, FNP, MBA  
Department of Veterans Affairs, Greenville Community Clinic, Greenville, N.C.

**The Face of the Homelessness in Female Veterans**  
Deborah Kenny, PhD, RN, FAAN  
Beth El College of Nursing and Health Sciences, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs

*Moderator:* Debra Lewis, MSN, CPN  
Instructor, Duquesne University School of Nursing

**Session 1b**  
**Nurse Veterans: Experiences in Iraq and Afghanistan and its Aftermath**  
Mary Ellen Doherty, PhD, RN, CNM & Elizabeth Scannell-Desch, PhD, RN  
Western Connecticut State University, Danbury, Conn.  
Adelphi University, Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

**Being and Becoming a US Iraq War Veteran: An Exploration of the Social Construction of an Emerging Identity**  
Anna Stachyra, PhD, PMHCNS-BC  
Hines VA Hospital, Chicago, Ill.

*Moderator:* Stephany Hartstirn, US Navy Commander, Reserves  
Director of Sales Support and Administration for UPMC Health Plan

**Session 1c**  
**The Catholic Tradition and its Influence on the Health and Well-being of the Newest Generation of Veterans**  
Sr. Thea Krause, CSFN, PhD, ACNP-BC  
VA Medical Center, Altoona, Pa.

**Implementation of a Patient Centered Medical Home Model (PCMH) of Care for Veterans of the Iraq and Afghan Wars**  
Katie Zimmerman RN, BSN, CCRC  
Stacy Faulkner, RN, BSN  
VA Medical Center, Aspinwall, Pa.

*Moderator:* Bridget Larew  
Lt. Col (Ret), USAF, CRNP  
Duquesne University School of Nursing
4 p.m. Breakout Session 2 – The Face of the Veteran: Communication to Improve Care

Please choose one of the sessions below. Each session will have two presentations.

Session 2a  Section A
Implementing Discharge Inter-facility Communication Consults
Tracy Sherbo and Carla Adams
U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs

Use of the Videophone for Research Data Collection from Burn Survivors
Linda Yoder, PhD, MBA, RN, AOCN, FAAN
Associate Professor of Nursing
University of Texas at Austin

Moderator: Bonnie Dean, PhD, RN
Assistant Professor
Duquesne University School of Nursing

Session 2b  Section B
Promoting Health and Wellness for Patients Living with Cancer Through Collaborative Quality Improvement
Myra Couch, MSN, RN-BC, CNL
Ellesha McCray, MBA, MSN, RN, NE-BC
Dawn Muse, MSN, RN-BC
VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System

You’ve Come a Long Way Little Nurse: A POW Story
Mary Rogers, MSN, RN, CNOR, CRCST
Stephanie Van Horn, RN, CDE
Fairfield Medical Center

Moderator: Betsy Giumond, PhD, WHNP
Assistant Professor
Duquesne University School of Nursing

Session 2c  Section C
Effective Pain Management for Dying Veterans
Brenda Shaffer, DNP, RN, NE-BC
Veteran Administration Pittsburgh Healthcare System

Outreach, Case Management and Social Justice for Our Veterans
Mary Frances Pilarski, MSN, RN
Coordinator
Veterans Administration Healthcare for Homeless Veterans

Moderator: Joan Lockhart, PhD, RN, CORLN, CNE, ANEF, FAAN
Professor of Nursing and Associate Dean
Duquesne University School of Nursing

5 p.m. Reception Shepperson Suite, Power Center
Friday, October 26

8 a.m.  Registration  Shepperson Suite, Power Center

8:30 a.m. Welcome  Section BC

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Mary Ellen Glasgow, PhD, RN, ACNS-BC
Professor and Dean
Duquesne University School of Nursing

Alexandra Gregory, DMA
Associate Provost and Associate Academic Vice President
Duquesne University

8:45 a.m. Keynote Address – Reaping the Whirlwind: Dealing with Suicide in American Veterans and Active Service Personnel  Section BC

Rev. John Sawicki, PhD, C.S.Sp.
Assistant Professor of Political Science
Duquesne University McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts

9:45 a.m. Break and Poster Viewing  Shepperson Suite, Power Center

10:10 a.m. Panel Discussion – The Face of the Homeless Veteran  Section BC

Homeless Veterans: What Must Be Done to Help Our Nation’s Heroes?
Rev. Michael Wurschmidt, MDiv
Senior Pastor and Director
Shepherd’s Heart Fellowship and Shepherd’s Heart Veterans’ Home

Psychological Trauma and the Combat Veteran
Roger Brooke, PhD, ABCP
Professor of Psychology and Director of Military Psychological Services
Duquesne University

Moderator: Don Accamando, Col USAF (Ret)
Director, Military Education Programs
Duquesne University School of Leadership and Professional Advancement

11:20 a.m. Endnote  Section A

Reflections and Resilience: Embracing and Celebrating the Whole Person
Michael Parkinson, MD, MPH, FACPM
Senior Medical Director, Health and Productivity
UPMC Health Plan and WorkPartners

Moderator: Mark Crider, PhD
Assistant Professor
Duquesne University School of Nursing

12:30 p.m. Lunch  Section BC
1:30 p.m. **The Eileen Zungolo Spirit of Service Award**  
*Presented by*  
Mary Ellen Glasgow, PhD, RN, ACNS-BC  
Professor and Dean  
Duquesne University School of Nursing  

Tony Accamando  
The Friends of Danang

2 p.m. **Closing Remarks**  
Sr. Rosemary Donley, S.C., PhD, APRN, BC, FAAN  
Professor, the Jacques Laval Chair for Vulnerable Populations  
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2:30 p.m. **Benediction**  
Reverend George Spangenberg, C.S.Sp.  
Duquesne University

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**Poster Presentations**

*The posters’ authors will be on hand to comment and answer questions:*  

**Implementing Discharge Interfacility Communication Consult to Improve Veteran Continuity of Care**  
Carla Adams, BSN, RN  
Tracy Sherbo, MSN, RN-BC  
Department of Veteran Affairs, Pittsburgh, Pa.

**Improving Access and Safety of Varenicline for Smoking Cessation Using Telephone Care Management**  
Lori Clark, MSN, RN-BC  
Veteran Administration Pittsburgh Healthcare System

**Preliminary Analyses of the Military Couples Sleep Study**  
Tyler Conrad, BA  
Wendy Troxel, PhD  
University of Pittsburgh

**Interdisciplinary Bedside Care Conferences in a Community Living Center**  
Cynthia Coates, MSN, RN-BC  

**An Historical Perspective of an Army Nurse in the 1960’s**  
Helen Faso, RN, PhD  
Wheeling Jesuit University, Wheeling, W.Va.
Impact of Educational Instruction of the CIWA-Ar Scoring Tool on Self-Reported Learning and Self-Confidence of Medical-Surgical Professional Nurses in a Veterans Hospital
Karen J. George, DNP, RN, CEN, VHA-CM
James H. Quillen Veterans Administration Medical Center, Mountain Home, Tenn.

Outcome of Military Story Telling Offered to Veterans in Hospice
Evelyn Hayes, PhD, MPH, FNP-BC, COL USAR, NC (Ret)
Jane P. Taylor, MS, RN
John J. Carmody, BA, MAT, Capt USMC (Ret)
University of Delaware

Improving Competency of Motivational Interviewing to VA and Non-VA Health Care Professionals
Andrea Jennings, Dr.PH, MSN, MED, RN
Barbara Heath, MSNED, RN & Rania Karim, PT, DPT
Louis Stokes Department of Veteran Affairs Medical Center, Cleveland, Ohio

Using Analysis of Musical Lyrics to Promote Awareness of Social Justice Issues in Veteran Populations
Charles Larew, PhD, RN, CNR
Duquesne University School of Nursing

Are Sleep Disturbances Attributed to Blast Exposure or PTSD in Combat Veterans?
Anne Germain, PhD
Benjamin Paul, BS
Ryan Stocker, MA
Department of Psychiatry
University of Pittsburgh

You’ve Come a Long Way Little Nurse: A POW Story
Mary Rogers, MSN, RN, CNOR, CRST
Stephanie Van Horn, RN, CDE
Fairfield Medical Center, Lancaster, Ohio

Piloting a National VA Oral Hygiene Project in Long Term Care at VA Pittsburgh
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VA Medical Center Primary Care, Aspinwall, Pa.
The Duquesne University School of Nursing

For 75 years, the Duquesne University School of Nursing has been preparing students in the art and science of nursing. True to its Catholic heritage and mission of service, the Duquesne University School of Nursing stresses ethical, holistic, culturally competent, and population-based care.

Over the years, Duquesne’s School of nursing has earned a reputation for academic excellence and faculty committed to teaching and helping students succeed. In addition, the School of Nursing has a strong tradition of pioneering new approaches and continues to be on the cutting edge of innovation and experimentation. It was the first school of nursing in Pennsylvania to offer a baccalaureate degree (BSN) and the first in the nation to offer a doctorate (PhD) in nursing completely online. Today, the school offers its nursing graduate programs online, asynchronously. That scheduling flexibility coupled with the reputation of a nursing degree from Duquesne is attracting students from across the nation and the world. Recently, Duquesne’s graduate program in nursing has been nationally ranked by US News & World Report.

The undergraduate program has been vibrant since its inception. The program of study is a vigorous blend of the liberal arts and sciences along with the professional requirements. Enriched by a community-based nursing curriculum, the BSN program prepares nursing students to assume excellent positions as health care leaders.

From the beginning, Duquesne has worked diligently to improve the quality of life for the citizens of Pittsburgh, and to that end the School of Nursing operates three nursing centers:

- **Nurse-Managed Wellness Center** for underserved communities, where nurses and other health-care providers promote health and wellness and monitor chronic medical conditions. Ten nurse-managed wellness clinics offer students an invaluable learning experience as well as an opportunity for community service.

- **Center for Nursing Research** supports qualitative and quantitative inquiry in areas related to health disparities, cultural competence and chronic deviations from health. The Center is dedicated to creating an environment in the School of Nursing that is conducive to research, scholarship and the advancement of nursing science.

- **Center for Health Care Diversity** addresses issues of equity and diversity in meeting the health care needs of minority populations through community nursing focused research, education, health policy development and community service.

Recognized twice as a National League for Nursing Center of Excellence, the School of Nursing is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education and approved by the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing.

Degree and Certificate Programs:

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)
- Second Degree BSN
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- PhD in Nursing
- Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)
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The Congregation of the Holy Spirit, also known as the Spiritans, a Catholic missionary order that assists needy and marginalized persons throughout the world, founded the University in 1878.

Today, Duquesne is experiencing an exciting period of growth and accomplishment. It is consistently ranked among the nation’s best Catholic universities and widely known for its rich, diverse liberal arts studies as well as for its schools of pharmacy, law, sciences, music, education, nursing, business, health sciences and adult learning.

Our recent rankings of distinction include being:

- Selected as a top-tier university among 1,500 American institutions surveyed by US News & World Report for 2013—and one of the top 10 nationally ranked universities in Pennsylvania.
- Chosen one of Princeton Review’s Best 373 Colleges, which profiles only 15 percent of American and Canadian colleges and universities.
- Named among the Best in the Northeast, one of only 220 institutions chosen by The Princeton Review for its 2012 rankings.
- Listed 16th in the nation among small research universities, according to a Chronicle of Higher Education index that measured faculty productivity among more than 7,300 doctoral programs.

Visit www.duq.edu/rankings for a complete list of our rankings and achievements.

Duquesne University’s Commitment to Veterans and Members of the Military

Duquesne University is a military-friendly university, committed to serve those who have served, and has been named one of the nation’s top military-friendly colleges and universities by Allmilitary.com, G.I. Jobs and Military Advanced Education.

In addition, Duquesne has been recognized for its support of employees who are Guard or Reserve service members by the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), a Department of Defense agency. In 2012, ESGR presented Duquesne with two of its highest honors: the Patriot Award, which recognizes supervisors for their direct support of reservist employees before, during and after deployment, and the Seven Seals Award, which acknowledges employer support of military members and their families outside of the employment arena.

Duquesne University also participates in the Post-9/11 GI Bill and Yellow Ribbon Program.

Eligible veterans can receive a tuition waiver. Combined with additional financial assistance from the VA, these programs allows veterans (and in some cases family members) to study tuition-free as undergraduate or graduate students.

We also offer a Military Psychology Clinic, where counseling services are available free of charge for military personnel, veterans and their families.

For more information, visit www.duq.edu/veterans.
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Duquesne nursing students during a 2012 community-based nursing experience in Nicaragua.

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