For Bianca Cutler, being a Penn nurse means that “anything is possible.” She is a research assistant on an infant feeding study with Penn Nursing faculty, a member of Penn's pre-professional healthcare fraternity, and a student athlete. With her sights set on becoming a nurse practitioner, Bianca enjoys both the challenge and the inspiration to “become the best nurse that I can be.”

BIANCA CUTLER
Sherborn, MA
Minoring in Spanish/Hispanic Studies

There has never been a better time to be a nurse.
Changing healthcare systems in the United States and around the world require the skills and leadership of nurses, for their expert focus on the patient in wellness and in sickness, from diagnosis through treatment, through every phase of life.

At Penn Nursing, you will have a cross-disciplinary education that combines a liberal arts and sciences approach to learning with practical application. Here, you will become part of the next generation of healthcare leaders, prepared to care for patients and their families, to conduct landmark research, to make new strides in healthcare management, and to shape the health policy that affects us all. For the opportunity to accomplish all this, there is one place—Penn Nursing.

CULTIVATE YOUR CURiosITY.

- 8:1 student-faculty ratio in clinical settings
- Penn is the only Ivy League school granting a BSN.

Jenna Schultz
Philadelphia, PA
Varsity cheerleader

“Penn Nursing gives me the opportunity to be all that I can be, while helping so many other people in the process.”

Gregory Lewis
North Little Rock, AR
Coordinated dual degree, Nursing and Wharton

“Penn offers leadership, scholarship, and service that are simply not available at any other school.”

Helen Pun
San Jose, CA
Nursing Undergraduate Honors Program and Joseph Wharton Scholar

“Penn taught me to dream big. My studies may lead to nonprofit healthcare consulting in China, or representing nurse and patient interests on Capitol Hill. It’s still early to say.”
Penn Nursing students become the most sought-after practitioners, the most innovative researchers, and the most respected nursing leaders in the world. Through a model nursing curriculum, designed by Penn Nursing faculty, you will have clinical experiences, integrated with classroom instruction and avant-garde technology, starting in freshman year. Having four undergraduate and 12 graduate schools on a single campus gives you numerous opportunities for dual degrees, minors, and unique academic experiences throughout the university. Clinical rotations are at world-renowned institutions adjacent to Penn’s campus—the University of Pennsylvania Health System and The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, and more than 200 other select healthcare sites.

● 90% of Penn Nursing graduates go on to pursue their MSN.

Pursue your passions.

Penn Nursing faculty are among the top educators and researchers in the world. They write the books. They draft the policy. They make history. Penn Nursing faculty will instruct and support you as you earn your nursing degree and consider your career path. They will mentor you and encourage you to go farther than you thought possible. With faculty guidance, you can write scholarly papers, conduct original research, and initiate your own projects through one of our internationally known research centers which promote healthcare through the lifespan.

● Penn Nursing consistently receives more research funding from the National Institutes of Health than any other private nursing school.

As a student researcher at the Penn Nursing Center for Global Women’s Health, Maggie McNair works with world-renowned nursing experts on ground-breaking studies. She says that “having research experience as an undergraduate is really opening my eyes to all the possibilities in nursing. I know that whatever path I pursue, I will have the encouragement and support of the amazing faculty here.”

MAGGIE McNAIR
Oakland, CA
Research assistant in the Center for Global Women’s Health

Kathleen Rogers
Radford, VA
Minoring in nutrition and multicultural global health
“I chose Penn for the multitude of opportunities available, the challenge of pushing myself out of my comfort zone, and expanding my horizons.”

Wendy Zhang
Ellicott City, MD
Asian Pacific American Nursing Student Association
“I would like to be involved in the development of community health globally, creating new models to really serve people who are currently not being reached.”

Jennifer Toth
Vienna, VA
West Philadelphia Tutoring Project
“The school takes the ‘science’ part of Penn Nursing Science very seriously, and encourages students to be passionate scientists as well as compassionate practitioners.”
My nursing classes are in Fagin Hall, on the health sciences side of Penn’s campus. One of my courses this semester is Physical Assessment where we learn how to examine patients, often by practicing on each other.

I have been interested in healthcare ever since I was young. I expected to go the pre-med route, but my plans changed as I began to more clearly understand the nurse’s role. Nurses have the privilege of entering the private sphere of a patient’s life in times of great need. Through my studies here at Penn, I know that nursing is the right fit for me.

I chose Penn because here I have the opportunity to gain a premier education in a renowned nursing program as well as fully participate in a Division I NCAA sport (crew). Through the established relationship between the Nursing School and the Athletics Department, I am able to successfully engage in both. I was also drawn to Penn’s urban location which provides my friends and me with exciting opportunities to engage in city life a short walk from campus.

Academics, athletics, innovation, exploring, socializing—at Penn Nursing, I really can do it all.

EMILY REDFIELD
Seattle, WA
Students love classes in the Simulation Lab. With Sim patients—which are high-fidelity, interactive mannequins that simulate the reactions of real patients—we are able to learn therapeutic techniques like inserting an intravenous needle. The rooms in the Sim Lab are designed like real patient-care settings—emergency, hospital, and home care. It's so cool to have such realistic experiences. It prepares us for clinicals and professional nursing practice.

Locust Walk is the heart of Penn’s campus. There’s always something going on and it’s a great place to catch up with friends. I usually swing by Houston Market for a lunch break, then head to Sociology class.

WHERE I CAN DO IT ALL.

Study sessions with other Nursing students are very helpful. Sometimes I’ll head back to Harrison College House (where I live on campus) to get a head start on an upcoming test or class project.

After a day of classes and crew, it’s fun to hang out with my friends, try a new restaurant here in West Philadelphia, or go into Center City for a night on the town. But crew practice comes early, so I won’t stay out too late!
With plans to work as a nurse abroad, Becca Carroll found her niche by adding a Global Health minor to her Nursing curriculum. Her extracurriculars include volunteering for United Community Clinic and serving as site leader for Global Medical Brigades in Honduras. Becca says that Penn Nursing “shares my dedication to care to change the world.”

BECCA CARROLL
Columbus, OH
Nursing Undergraduate Honors Program and multicultural global healthcare minor

Minors
Nursing students can choose from dozens of minors at Penn, from ancient history to language to urban studies. While minors are not required, they offer opportunities to pursue additional areas of interest, knowledge that complements nursing, or creative expression. Health-related minors include:

- Multicultural Global Healthcare
- Health Communications (with the Annenberg School)
- Health Services Management (with the Wharton School)
- Nutrition (with the College of Arts and Sciences)

From the coal towns of Appalachia to rural Greece to the villages of South Africa, Penn Nursing finds new ways to improve the health and lives of people around the world. As a student here, you will have opportunities to take a multicultural global healthcare minor, to study abroad in eight areas of the world, and to participate in the international activities of our Center for Global Women’s Health and Global Health Affairs Office. Penn Nursing’s commitment to global engagement will prepare you for 21st century healthcare and the importance of cultural competence at home and abroad.

Above and inset: Penn Nursing’s global partnerships give students experiences with healthcare around the world.

TAKING NURSING GLOBAL.

Alexandra Wagner
Ambler, PA
A cappella singer and jazz pianist

“Academically at Penn, I can take my nursing courses as well as minor in music and American Sign Language, two strong interests of mine.”

Steven Cabrera
Bronx, NY
Co-clinic coordinator at Puentes de Salud

“Penn Nursing gives me the opportunity to be all that I can be, while helping so many other people in the process.”
Degree Options

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)
- Coordinated dual degree in Nursing and Economics with the Wharton School
- Dual degrees and minors with Penn’s College of Arts and Sciences, School of Engineering and Applied Science, and Wharton
- Opportunities to submatriculate (beginning graduate study while earning an undergraduate degree), including the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) or a Juris Doctorate (JD) with Penn Law
- Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) with multiple areas of specialty
- Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing (PhD)

FIND YOUR FUTURE HERE.

It may be during an Urban Studies class, or after a clinical rotation, or on your way to class at Fagin Hall. It may be after a lecture that opened your eyes, an experiment that led in a new direction, or a chance meeting on Locust Walk. There will come the moment when you realize your future: Perhaps pursuing a PhD or becoming a nurse practitioner, nurse midwife, or nurse anesthetist; deciding to practice public health, taking a research path, or launching a healthcare start-up. Penn Nursing will help you find your path and reach your goal to care to change the world.

Penn Nursing Is a Place You Can Afford

Named one of America’s most affordable private universities, Penn meets 100 percent of the demonstrated need of each family throughout their student’s undergraduate years. Penn has a need-blind admissions policy and provides a no-loan aid package for undergraduates who receive financial aid. The Penn Nursing Financial Aid Office and Penn’s Office of Student Financial Services provide expert, individualized financial aid counseling, working with each student to ensure the best financial aid package from acceptance through graduation.
The baccalaureate degree in nursing and the master’s degree in nursing at the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education www.aacn.nche.edu/ccne-accreditation.

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