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**UAMS College of Nursing's BSN Program  
Ranked 86<sup>th</sup> in Nation by *U.S. News & World Report***

LITTLE ROCK — *U.S. News & World Report* ranked the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) College of Nursing among the nation's 100 best undergraduate nursing programs for the 2023-24 academic year.

UAMS' Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program tied for No. 86 out of 656 programs examined by the publication. UAMS was the only Arkansas institution to rank in the top 100.

*U.S. News & World Report* determined the rankings through surveys from top academic and nursing school officials, who rated BSN programs they were familiar with on a scale from 1 to 5. Schools on the list were required to have a bachelor's-level accreditation from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education or the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, and they needed to have recently awarded at least 40 BSN degrees.

The UAMS College of Nursing graduated 101 students from its BSN program during the 2022-23 academic year, and 5,641 students have earned their undergraduate degrees since the program's inception.

"It's an honor to be recognized as one of the top-performing BSN programs in the nation," said Patricia Cowan, Ph.D., RN, dean of the College of Nursing. "This ranking reflects the quality and the hard work of our students and faculty."

The College of Nursing, established in 1953, also offers a Master of Nursing Science degree, a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree and a Doctorate of Philosophy in Nursing.

UAMS is the state's only health sciences university, with colleges of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Health Professions and Public Health; a graduate school; a hospital; a main campus in Little Rock; a Northwest Arkansas regional campus in Fayetteville; a statewide network of regional campuses; and seven institutes: the Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute, Jackson T. Stephens Spine & Neurosciences Institute,

Harvey & Bernice Jones Eye Institute, Psychiatric Research Institute, Donald W. Reynolds Institute on Aging, Translational Research Institute and Institute for Digital Health & Innovation. UAMS includes UAMS Health, a statewide health system that encompasses all of UAMS' clinical enterprise. UAMS is the only adult Level 1 trauma center in the state. UAMS has 3,275 students, 890 medical residents and fellows, and five dental residents. It is the state's largest public employer with more than 12,000 employees, including 1,200 physicians who provide care to patients at UAMS, its regional campuses, Arkansas Children's, the VA Medical Center and Baptist Health. Visit [www.uams.edu](http://www.uams.edu) or [www.uamshealth.com](http://www.uamshealth.com). Find us on [Facebook](#), [X \(formerly Twitter\)](#), [YouTube](#) or [Instagram](#).

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