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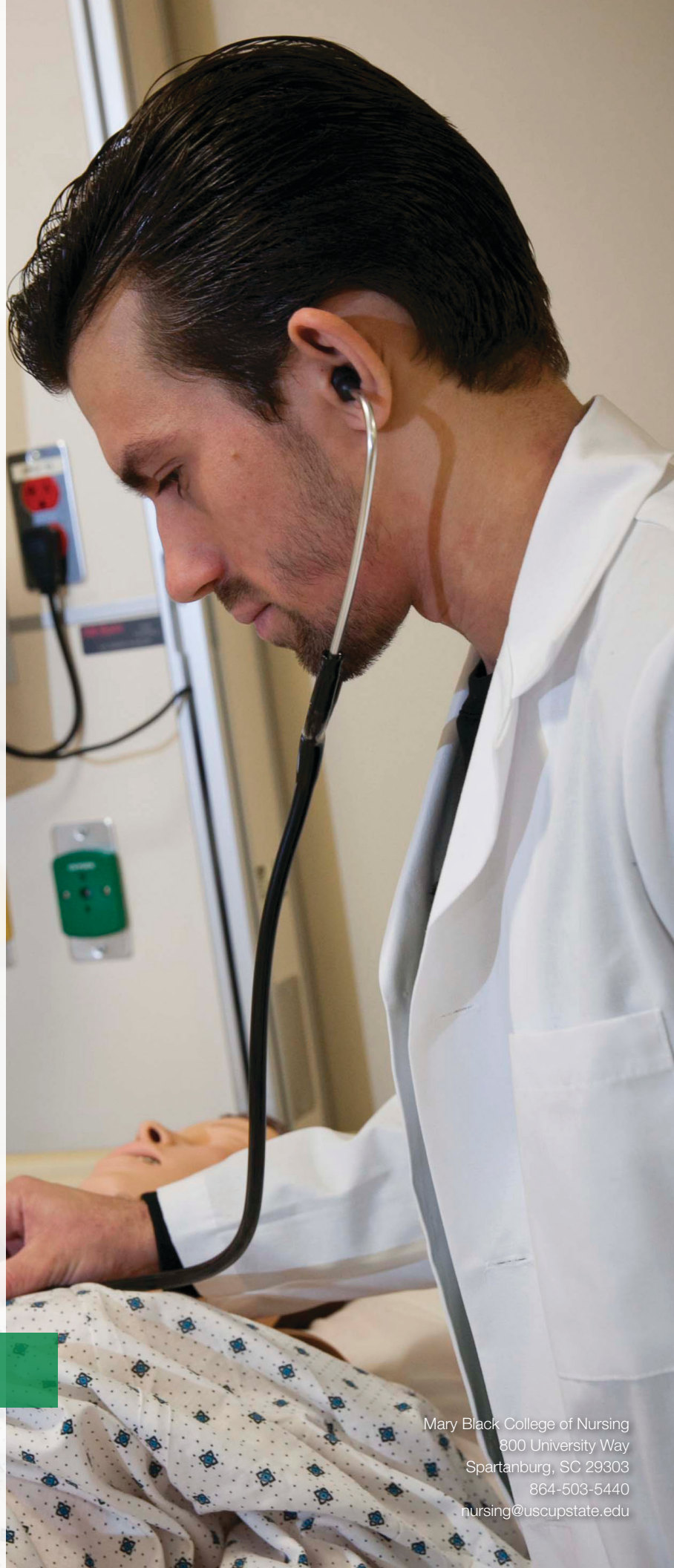
The baccalaureate and master's degree programs in nursing at the University of South Carolina Upstate Mary Black College of Nursing are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, 655 K Street NW, Suite 750, Washington DC 20001, 202-887-6791. Our program is one of the Southeast's highly regarded nursing institutions. From the University's founding in 1967, to the initiation 30 years later of one of the first R.N. to B.S.N. degree programs in the state, offering distance learning classes for registered nurses, USC Upstate has earned a solid reputation as an innovator in nursing education.

Partnerships

The Mary Black College of Nursing has strong partnerships within the community. This includes clinical affiliation agreements with over one hundred clinical agencies, dual degree programs, and articulation pathways. The University continues to work with other Upstate hospital systems to address the national nursing shortage.

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

The professional program leading to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing offers two tracks of study: the four-year track for students who wish to begin a career in professional nursing and the RN to BSN track for registered nurses seeking a baccalaureate degree. In the four-year track, students begin their academic studies by completing general education requirements prior to their first nursing course. The RN to BSN track allows working RNs to spend one day a week on coursework in classrooms at the Greenville campus or through online courses.



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Both tracks of study are designed to provide students the opportunity to acquire knowledge and skills needed for effective professional nursing practice in a wide variety of settings. The programs rest upon a foundation of partnerships with the community, including health care organizations and health care providers in Upstate South Carolina.

Master of Science in Nursing

The Mary Black College of Nursing also offers a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program with concentration areas in Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL), Nursing Educator and Nursing Leadership. These programs are for registered nurses who are graduates of an accredited Bachelor of Science program in Nursing. Students in the MSN program have the opportunity to acquire knowledge and skills needed for leadership roles in professional nursing practice in a wide variety of settings.

Clubs and Organizations

Nursing externship programs are available at Mary Black Memorial Hospital with each providing a four-hour semester credit externship with paid tuition and a student stipend throughout a six-week clinical experience in the summer. Community service opportunities include a variety of health fairs, screenings, and healthcare teaching experiences.

Nursing clubs and organizations active on campus include the Student Nurses Association (SNA), a local chapter of the National Student Nurses Association (NSNA), and the Mu Rho Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, which seeks to improve the health of people worldwide by improving nursing scholarship. Membership is by nomination, grade point average, and class ranking.



Employment Opportunities

Students who earn an undergraduate degree in nursing and pass the NCLEX-RN examination are qualified to work in hospital settings, such as general adult care units or specialty areas, including cardiology, psychiatry, critical care, emergency room, obstetrics, pediatrics, neonatal units, and geriatrics.

Other career options include home health nursing, hospice, military nursing, corporate nursing, extended care facilities, or working in a physician's office, school or industry. A Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree also allows for entry into master's and doctoral programs, such as nurse practitioner, anesthesiology and nursing education.

Student Profile

"Nursing is a difficult and challenging program especially for me as an international student from Tanzania with English as my third language," says Abbas Fidahusseini, a USC Upstate nursing graduate. "I had tremendous support from the faculty who were there to guide and encourage me. At USC Upstate, we are known by name rather than number. Our faculty work hard to prepare us for the licensing exam with lots of NCLEX-like questions. Students have hands-on experience with high tech simulators to enhance their learning."



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