

## Accreditation

As a new, state-approved nursing program, the Georgian Court-Meridian Health School of Nursing B.S.N. program has provisional accreditation from the state of New Jersey. The program is in the process of seeking accreditation from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, which accredits the majority of B.S.N. programs in New Jersey.



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## The Georgian Court- Meridian Health School of Nursing



## Unlimited Opportunities

Recent studies indicate that the number of new nurses—graduates from diploma, associate's, or four-year programs—in New Jersey needs to almost double each year from the current 2,300 to prevent the nursing shortage predicted for 2014. Nationwide, the demand for nurses will exceed the supply by almost 1 million by 2020.

## The Benefits of the B.S.N.

Studies show that patient outcomes, such as survival rate, are better in hospitals that have a higher percentage of baccalaureate-educated nurses. Also, salaries for bachelor's degree-prepared nurses are higher, and the bachelor's degree is a stepping stone to career advancement and graduate study.



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## The Degree of Difference

The Georgian Court-Meridian Health School of Nursing is a four-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) program designed to address the nursing shortage in New Jersey and throughout the nation.

### Curriculum

Designed for first-time, full-time female and male students, the B.S.N. program requires 129 credits for completion; 64 of those credits are nursing courses. The program, designed by doctorally educated nursing professionals, prepares professional nurses who work in collaboration with other members of the health care team to provide holistic, patient-centered care. Through participation in the teaching-learning process, graduates of the program will be able to integrate scientific evidence with the health care needs and values of patients, families, groups, and communities.

### The purposes of the program are to prepare students to:

- Enter the profession as novice practitioners of nursing.
- Participate in the advancement of the profession.
- Engage in lifelong learning.



“Our long-term goal at Meridian Health is to try to hire all of the nurses that we’ve graduated from this program, so we want to make sure that they’re the best possible nurses they can be to provide the best patient outcomes.”

—Theresa Wurmser, Ph.D., R.N.,  
Chair, Georgian Court-Meridian Health  
School of Nursing



## The Georgian Court-Meridian Health Advantage

- GCU has a strong tradition of preparing students for careers in service, health-related professions, and the sciences.
- High-quality academics are supported by the university's new Audrey Birish George Science Center, 67,000-square-foot Wellness Center, and fully equipped nursing skills lab in Hamilton Hall.
- Meridian Health is the largest employer in Monmouth and Ocean counties and is one of the region's premier health service providers.
- Students practice in Meridian Health's High Technology Simulation Laboratories with a state-of-the-art environment for the practical application of skills in a simulated health care setting.



- Nursing students have clinical experiences across the Meridian Continuum of Care, including acute care hospitals, skilled nursing, home care, and hospice.



### I choose GCU...



Bryan Kiley '12  
Major: Nursing

“I like the personal feeling you get when you get here. It's a smaller school, so you get a better one-on-one education. And when you see how passionate the instructors are, it makes you more passionate about what you're going to do.”