

North Carolina Central University earns top honors for online programs in registered nursing

NCCU has been recognized nationally for online learning in registered nursing by EduMed.org.

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North Carolina Central University has been named one of 2021's best schools for online programs and courses in registered nursing by EduMed.org. Just 8 percent of colleges and universities across the country earned a position in one of EduMed.org's higher education rankings.

NCCU was ranked for online program excellence in the following area:

Best RN to BSN Programs Online – <https://www.edumed.org/online-schools/nursing-rn-programs/rn-to-bsn/>

"We set out to find the registered nursing programs that are making online education a priority," said Wes Ricketts, founder of EduMed.org. "Each program in our rankings has a winning combination of flexibility, affordability, academic rigor and student support."

NCCU's recognition comes at a time when students across the country are taking more of their courses either fully or partially online. According to data from the Education Department's National Center for Education Statistics, enrollment in online courses increased by 93 percent between Fall 2019 and Fall 2020. Nearly two-thirds of college students took at least one online course in 2020.

"COVID-19 forced many schools to rapidly expand their online programs to meet increased student demand," said Ricketts. "The registered nursing programs that offer the best and most convenient online learning options stand to benefit the most from the mass transition to higher education online."

EduMed.org researched and analyzed more than 7,700 accredited schools using data from the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) and from the schools themselves. The website's data science team then applied a proprietary algorithm to rank all qualifying registered nursing programs. Primary data points include:

- ⇒ Number of online programs in registered nursing
- ⇒ Online program tuition and fees
- ⇒ Access to academic counseling
- ⇒ Access to career placement services

- ⇒ Number of online students
- ⇒ Percentage of students with institutional aid

To be eligible, a school must hold active regional accreditation and have at least one partially online or fully online program in the ranking subject.

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