

College Life

Research College of Nursing believes in promoting the development of the individual student. Programs, services, activities and other opportunities are provided to help meet student needs beyond the academic program. The following section describes some of the services and programs available. Note that all students in the undergraduate program have the opportunity to utilize all services and participate in student activities on both the Research College of Nursing campus and the Rockhurst University campus during each year of their enrollment.

Graduate students have access to services and facilities on the Research campus unless otherwise noted.

Campus Ministry

Research College of Nursing respects the religious beliefs of all members of the college community and seeks to support the personal and spiritual development of each member of the College within the context of her/his own beliefs. Students who desire assistance or participation in religious activities should contact either the Office of Campus Ministry at Rockhurst or the Pastoral Care Office at Research Medical Center.

Counseling

The college years are times of rapidly expanding self awareness and it is not unusual for students to experience difficulty with adjustment to emotional and interpersonal concerns. Faculty advisers are available to assist students with their educational and personal concerns. Additionally, students may seek counseling assistance by contacting the Student Affairs office at Research College of Nursing for referral or the Counseling Center at Rockhurst University. Graduate students may use the Rockhurst center on a fee basis.

Health Services

Students who become ill during a college class or clinical should seek care as required by the situation with their primary care provider or through the services of Goepfert-Trinity Family Care. Seriously ill students may use the Emergency Department at the Research or Brookside campus of Research Medical Center. Research College of Nursing students are encouraged to select a local primary care provider for medical care during their college years. Health insurance or a waiver is required for all nursing students. For further information regarding health insurance please see the sections on undergraduate and graduate academic policies.

Housing

Students who do not wish to commute may choose to live on campus. Housing is available to freshman students at Rockhurst. Upper class students may live at either Research College of Nursing or Rockhurst University. Graduate students may live on the Research campus. Students interested in housing at Rockhurst should contact the Office of Residence Life for more information.

Housing at Research includes two bedroom townhouses and one bedroom apartments. Units are mostly unfurnished and may be occupied continuously throughout the year provided certain criteria are met. Married and single parent students are welcome. Housing services are administered through the Student Affairs Office.

Research Nursing Alumni Association

The Research Nursing Alumni Association is the official organization of graduates of Research. The Association promotes strong ties between the College and its graduates. Alumni activities include college recruitment, college and program promotion, reunions, an annual alumni weekend, recognition of outstanding alumni and fund raising for scholarship programs.

Sports and Recreation

Undergraduate students may participate on intercollegiate, intramural and club sport teams at Rockhurst University. Athletic facilities at Rockhurst University are available to nursing students and accommodate over 30 different activities to choose from.

All nursing students may join the Research Medical Center Fitness Center and/or enroll in wellness classes offered periodically at Research Medical Center. Student discount memberships are also available at Health Plus.

Student Organizations

Undergraduate students may participate in several different organizations to meet their interests in professional development, intellectual accomplishment, community awareness and social activities. Students may form new student organizations as the need or desire arises. Policies and procedures for forming new organizations are available from the Student Affairs Office.

Following are descriptions of currently recognized student organizations.

Research Student Nurses' Association (RSNA)

This organization is the campus chapter of the Missouri Nursing Students' Association (MNSA) and the National Student Nurses' Association (NSNA). Students interested in learning more about the historical significance, current issues and future trends in nursing may wish to join this group. The organization conducts service and fund raising projects and brings nursing scholars to the campus to discuss different aspects of the nursing profession. Students also attend state and national nursing conferences.

Student Government Association (SGA)

This organization is comprised of elected representatives of each undergraduate class to promote the interests of students and of the College. Students develop an activities calendar and are responsible for social and service programs for the Research College of Nursing community. The Office of Student Affairs assists students in the administration of these programs.

Student Nurse Christian Fellowship

Open to all students with no membership fees or requirements, the Student Nurse Christian Fellowship provides a forum for students to meet and share their Christian faith through prayer, discussion and fellowship.

The College Community: Expectations and Standards

Diversity Statement

Research College of Nursing is committed to building a community in which diversity in all of its forms unites in a spirit of learning to celebrate the uniqueness of each individual and affirm human differences. We are dedicated to being leaders within our community by fostering an environment where the principles of personal responsibility, mutual respect and the pursuit of social justice are vigorously pursued.

Respect Statement

Nursing is a caring and compassionate profession that is rooted in personal and professional accountability. Treating others with respect and dignity is central to our mission and purposes. Faculty, students, staff and clinical partners are considered equal and active members of our community. All who work, live, study, and teach in our community are here by choice and as a part of that choice should be committed to principles of respect which are an integral part of Research College of Nursing. As members of a community, our goal is to treat others and ourselves with respect, dignity and care.

We will achieve that goal by engaging in the following activities:

- Sensitive communication practices and behaviors.
- Acknowledging each person's self worth and unique contributions to the community.
- Recognizing our individual backgrounds, outlooks, values and styles.
- Sharing principles of personal responsibility, mutual respect and common decency.
- Celebrating the uniqueness of the individual and developing our understanding and tolerance of differences in gender, ethnicity, age, spiritual belief, sexual orientation, and physical or mental potential.
- Growing and sustaining a caring culture, nurturing growth and fulfillment in one another and in the larger communities of which we are a part.
- Discouraging intolerance, hatred, and injustice and promote constructive resolution of conflict.

As members of our community, students are expected to:

- Respect the sanctity of the education process by expressing respect for the faculty member as the organizer and guide through this learning experience as well as for fellow students.
- Take responsibility for their own learning.
- Treat other members of our community with respect, a sense of cooperation and with concern for their welfare.

As members of our community, faculty members are expected to:

- Respect the sanctity of the education process by honoring their commitment to students in terms of time, fairness and enthusiasm.
- Provide responsible teaching to the students.
- Treat other members of our community with respect, a sense of cooperation and with concern for their welfare.

As members of our community, staff members are expected to:

- Respect the sanctity of the education process by acknowledging the importance of education and supporting the process to the fullest.
- Treat other members of our community with respect, a sense of cooperation and with concern for their welfare.

Members of our community are honor bound to address disruptive, disrespectful or discriminatory behavior. We will work together to achieve our goal of treating others with respect, dignity and care and work toward sensitizing ourselves to what could be interpreted as disrespect. This goal should be reflected in our daily lives and our interactions and moments with other members of our community and with our clinical partners.

Research College of Nursing insists on the highest standards of academic and professional integrity. The College will not tolerate dishonesty in any form. Anyone found in a dishonest act may be disciplined according to the policies and standards contained in the Research College of Nursing Guide to Student Life.

The academic community is represented by the Governing Board, faculty, administrators, students and friends. This community has an obligation for the growth and development of its members and it sets the standards of behavior for its members. Disciplinary and academic policies are set in place to guide and support the accomplishments of these obligations and goals.

Specific policies, procedures and regulations may be found in this catalog, the Guide to Student Life, and in other official notices and publications.