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VIRGINIA PRIVATE COLLEGES CELEBRATES NON-PROFIT PRIVATE HIGHER EDUCATION EXCELLENCE IN NURSING

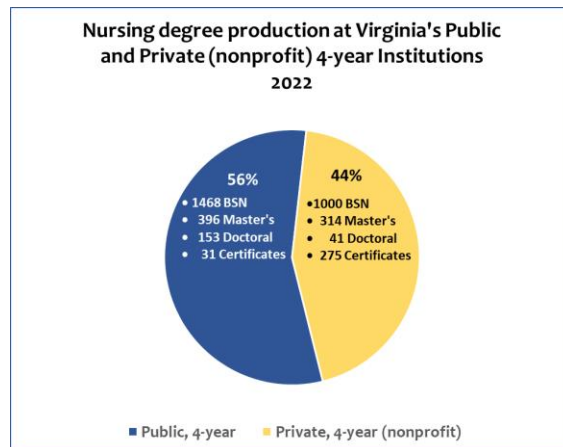
Shenandoah University and Liberty University rank among the top five nursing programs in Virginia, according to RNCareers.org, which produces essential workers in the talent pipeline.

RICHMOND, VA – August 13, 2024—The Council of Independent Colleges in Virginia, Inc. (CICV) is proud to announce that two of its member institutions, Shenandoah University and Liberty University, have been recognized by RNCareers.org as having the top five nursing programs in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

"We are honored to be recognized as one of the top nursing programs in Virginia," said Dr. Lisa Levinson. "This achievement is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our faculty, staff, and students. At Shenandoah, we strive to provide a nurturing and challenging environment that equips our students with the skills and knowledge necessary to excel in their nursing careers."

This distinction highlights the exceptional quality of education provided by nonprofit private colleges in the state. "We are incredibly proud of Shenandoah University and Liberty University for their outstanding achievements in nursing education," said Christopher K. Peace, President of CICV. "Their dedication to academic excellence and student success exemplifies the mission of CICV to support and promote the valuable contributions of nonprofit private colleges in Virginia and to the Commonwealth's essential talent pipeline."

Virginia Private Colleges represents 15 private nursing colleges, which produce nearly 50% of all nursing degrees in the Commonwealth.



**Shenandoah University – Ranked #4:
Eleanor Wade Custer School of Nursing**

Shenandoah University's Eleanor Wade Custer School of Nursing is renowned for its comprehensive curriculum and state-of-the-art facilities. The program offers various nursing programs, including Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner and Registered Nursing. Under the leadership of Interim Dean Lisa Levinson, PhD, MSN, RN, the school provides various award levels such as APRN Certificate, Bachelor, BSN to DNP, MSN, MSN to DNP, Post Master's NP Certificate, and RN to MSN. The school's focus on hands-on learning and real-world experience prepares students to meet the challenges of modern healthcare with confidence and competence. Shenandoah's dedication to producing highly qualified nursing professionals is reflected in its high NCLEX-RN pass rates and the success of its graduates in the workforce.

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**Liberty University – Ranked #5:
School of Nursing**

Liberty University's School of Nursing is one of the state's best nursing colleges, featuring top-rated nursing programs and curricula, according to RNCareers.org. The university emulsifies the art of caring with science and research expertise, giving a holistic approach to the nursing field. Liberty promotes a Christian nursing education system under which students learn to care for patients physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. Graduates are applauded for their clinical competence, strong work ethic, and heartfelt compassion.

The School of Nursing has a Simulation Center that allows students to practice their clinical skills in a controlled environment before progressing to clinical rotations. Here, students are guided by credentialed and experienced staff who are equally passionate about nursing. Another notable feature of Liberty University School of Nursing is the small class size, averaging an 8:1 student-to-faculty ratio.

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About CICV:

The Council of Independent Colleges in Virginia, Inc. (CICV) is an association of 27 nonprofit private colleges and universities in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Founded in 1971, CICV works to enhance the quality of education, strengthen institutional resources, and promote the value of nonprofit private higher education in Virginia.

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