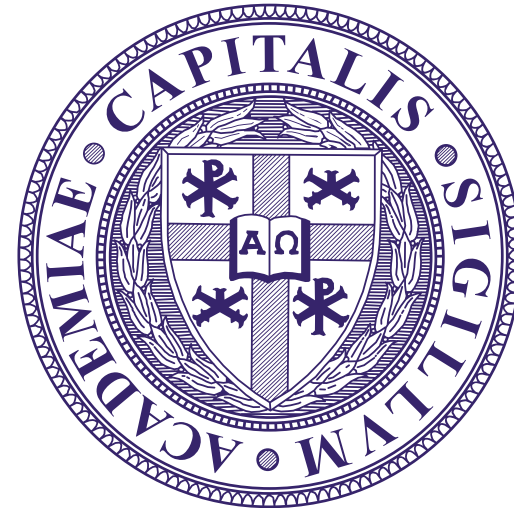


# CAPITAL UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING

*Educating professional nurse leaders  
for lives of service promoting  
health and healing  
within our diverse community.*

*Proudly celebrating the Diamond Anniversary of  
Capital University's Nursing Program!  
1950-2025*



## PINNING CEREMONY

A Celebration  
of Our Nursing Students' Excellence

CapitalUniversity

[www.capital.edu/nursing](http://www.capital.edu/nursing)

Friday, December 12, 2025 • 9 a.m. • Huntington Recital Hall

## Pinning Ceremony December 2025

Welcome Class of 2025

**Jared Tice**  
Ed.D.  
*President*

Invocation

**Rev. Daniel Hille**  
*University Pastor*

Message from the Dean of Nursing

**Heather J. Goodin**  
PhD, RN, AHN-BC, CPN  
*Dean*

Remarks, Class of December 2025

**Hannah Ware**

Pre-Licensure Programs

**Lynn Segovia**  
DNP, RNC-MNN  
*Associate Dean*

Rachel Alexandra Pfeffer  
Emily Prosser  
Olivia Spillers  
Hannah Ware

Benediction

**Rev. Hille**

## Capital University

*Capital University transforms lives  
by empowering an inclusive community of learners  
through engaging academic, co-curricular, and professional experiences.*

With a focus on liberal arts education and student success, Capital is the oldest university in Central Ohio with almost 200 years of academic excellence. Designed as an accessible higher education experience, Capital is a private four-year undergraduate institution and graduate school located in Columbus, Ohio.

Since its founding by the Lutheran Church in 1830 and charter as a university in 1850, Capital has created a community of students, faculty, staff, and alumni who are committed to making a positive impact in their communities and chosen industries.

Capital offers 60 majors and more than 50 minors. Dedicated faculty work with students through high-impact learning activities in the classroom, academic advising sessions, and research opportunities. Alumni can be found across the globe leading the way to a bright future.

For more information about Capital's tradition, programs, and people, go to [www.capital.edu](http://www.capital.edu).

### Share your Capital University Pinning Experience!

*Capture your Pinning experience and share on  
Facebook or Instagram!*

*Tag @Capital University Nursing on Facebook or  
@capitalnursing on Instagram!*

**Tell us why you are proud to be a  
CAPITAL NURSE!**

**#CAPGRAD25**

In the early 2000s, our Nursing program began to offer a unique introductory course for first-year students, a practice our curriculum still has today. Study abroad opportunities to Jamaica, Sweden, and England became popular destinations for both faculty and students. By 2009, the Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ABSN) program at Capital University, formerly known as the Capital Nursing Accelerated Program (C-NAP), was designed for individuals who previously had earned a bachelor's degree in another discipline and wished to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. At the same time, Capital's School of Nursing received an endorsement by the American Holistic Nurse Credentialing Corporation for undergraduate and graduate curriculum grounded in holistic philosophy and nursing care. In 2010, the Capital University Nursing faculty were awarded the 2010 Excellence in Holistic Education Award by the American Holistic Nurses Association.

For the last 10 to 15 years, Capital's School of Nursing has witnessed an expansion of innovative teaching/learning opportunities, simulation experiences, emphasis on evidence-based practice, community engagement, partnerships, robust nursing student organization involvement, self-care, and holistic nursing care. In 2024, our Nursing program achieved an extraordinary milestone – a 100% pass rate on the NCLEX exam, a testament to our unwavering commitment to excellence and the dedication of our students and faculty.

As the School of Nursing marks 75 years of excellence, we honor our rich history while embracing a future driven by the same passion and purpose that have defined us for generations. As we look ahead, how will Capital nurses continue to transform health of self, of others, of communities, and of the world? We are very proud of our nursing graduates and all that they represent: our past, our present, and our future.

## About Today's Ceremony

**Please note:** Those who have been asked by the graduating student to pin them are asked to come to the front when the actual pinning begins. When you receive the pin, please pin the **purple ribbon** to the student's lapel using the **pearl straight pin** at the top.

## The Significance of Pinning

The Pinning Ceremony marks important milestones in the academic development of the professional nurse. The nursing faculty recognizes this ceremony as a symbolic demonstration of the confidence, trust, and pride which is held for each graduate of the programs of nursing at Capital University.

The nursing pin and the Pinning Ceremony have a long tradition associated with caring. The earliest badges that identified caregivers were awarded to the Knights of the Order of the Hospital of St. John the Baptist, a religious order whose members tended the ill and wounded during the Crusades of the twelfth century. After taking the vow to become "serf and slave" to the sick, Knights were presented with the Maltese Cross. This symbol was to be worn over the armor so it could be clearly seen by the injured during battle. It is interesting to note that such identification placed the Knight at great risk since the enemy realized that to eliminate the caregiver from the field meant to significantly weaken the opponent.

The tradition of the shield or pin in nursing originated in the 1860s at the Nightingale School of Nursing at St. Thomas Hospital in London. Florence Nightingale had been awarded The Red Cross of St. George for her service in the Crimean War. Nightingale in turn wished to acknowledge excellence in nursing by designating outstanding graduates from her program by awarding a distinctive pin. Gradually, it became tradition in schools both in England as well as the United States for schools to recognize all graduates by awarding a pin that identified their particular school.

For more than 50 years, graduates have received the gold nursing pin of Capital University. The metal gold was selected as the base to denote the precious nature of the education accomplished. The center of the pin is the seal of Capital University demonstrating that professional nursing is a part of Capital University and Capital University is part of each professional nurse graduate. The outer edge of the pin is banded in royal purple, representing bravery, courage, and honor associated with nursing. The pin is to be worn with pride and respect for it identifies the wearer as a courageous caregiver, a well-prepared scholar, and a member of the Capital University community.

## Traditional Undergraduate Program

*\*Indicates Sigma Theta Tau Inductee*

### GRADUATE

### TO BE PINNED BY

Rachel Alexandra Pfeffer

Mallory Fletcher  
Fiancée

Emily Prosser \*

Dixie Nance  
Grandmother

Olivia Spillers

Jennifer McClure-Spillers and Steve Spillers  
Parents

Hannah Ware

David Ware and Lisa Ware  
Parents

## The Capital University School of Nursing

### Our Mission

The School of Nursing is dedicated to educating and empowering a diverse community of compassion-driven nurse leaders. With a focus on excellence, we prepare professionals to promote health, healing, and well-being across populations, offering innovative and holistic care.

### Our Vision

The School of Nursing empowers the next generation of forward-thinking, holistic nursing professionals to provide transformative, quality care to complex and diverse populations in an ever-evolving healthcare landscape.

### Our Values

#### Compassion

We cultivate a culture of care where empathy, kindness, and advocacy are central to holistic nursing practice.

#### Excellence

We empower students to succeed in developing the knowledge, skills, and critical thinking required to provide holistic, evidence-informed, and exceptional patient-centered care.

#### Integrity

We lead with honesty, transparency, and ethical responsibility in all aspects of holistic nursing education and practice.

#### Inclusivity

We are dedicated to fostering an inclusive environment where all students feel a sense of belonging.

For 75 years, the School of Nursing has stood as a beacon of excellence, shaping the future of healthcare through education, innovation, and compassionate care. From its humble beginnings in 1950 as one of the first baccalaureate programs in Ohio, to its status today as a leader in nursing education, the school has remained steadfast in its mission to prepare skilled, dedicated professionals who make a profound impact on patients, families, and communities. This milestone is not just a celebration of the past but a testament to the spirit of nursing; one of service, scholarship, and strength. This academic year we reflect on the journey of the School of Nursing, honoring its legacy and looking ahead to a future shaped by the same passion and purpose that have defined it for 75 years.

Edith Chamberlain was the first director of the Nursing program in 1950. Over a decade later, the program was recognized as a School of Nursing and housed in a small three-story building next to Yochum Hall in 1966. Dr. Evelyn Barritt became the first dean of Nursing and spearheaded a new curriculum based on the health/illness continuum rather than the traditional medical model at the time. Innovation re-emerged again in 1972 with the introduction of research in Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing (BSN) programs, marking a new era for Capital's School of Nursing. The 1980s set the stage for precepted learning experiences, an education-to-practice model that gained national recognition through publications by Capital's School of Nursing. During this time, the program also embraced holistic approaches to health and nursing care – well ahead of its time. The BSN Completion program began in 1987, followed by the inauguration of our Master of Science graduate nursing program in 1994.