The College of Nursing & Health Sciences (CNHS) offers nationally recognized, comprehensive programs in nursing and medical laboratory science (MLS). Modern nursing labs and brand-new, updated instrumentation in our MLS labs, along with outstanding faculty and clinical partners, provide our students with a 21st-century life sciences education. Our students graduate well prepared for careers as nurses, medical laboratory scientists, and leading healthcare professionals who are employed at renowned regional health systems, hospitals across the state, and medical centers in Boston, Worcester, Providence, and beyond.

**CNHS graduates employed or enrolled in further education 6 months after graduation**

- 97%

**Total number of CNHS undergraduate students (Nursing and MLS)**

- 569

**Students of Color**

- 32%

**Faculty-student ratio (traditional BS)**

- 1:14

**Best online MS programs in Nursing -U.S. News & World Report**

- TOP 23%

**Ranked in the top 8% of the nation’s best nursing schools offering a BSN degree**

- U.S. News & World Report, September 2023

**Best value PhD nursing programs -Value Colleges**

- One of the top 50

**3rd ranked undergraduate nursing program among MA public universities**

**6th ranked undergraduate nursing program in New England**

- U.S. News & World Report

**Graduation and employment rates for Medical Laboratory Science majors**

- 100%

**First-time NCLEX national licensure exam pass rate for the Class of 2023 (traditional BS)**

- 96%

**Average 3-year pass rate on the ASCP exam for MLS professionals**

- 97%

**You’ll find our graduates employed at:**

- Beth Israel-Deaconess HealthCare
- Bradley Hospital
- Children’s Hospital, Boston
- Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center
- Johns Hopkins Hospital
- Massachusetts General Brigham
- Providence VA Medical Center
- Rhode Island Hospital
- Southcoast Health

**Our CNHS alumni have attended the following graduate schools:**

- Boston College
- Georgetown University
- George Washington University
- New England College of Optometry
- Northeastern University
- UMass Chan Medical School
- UMass Dartmouth
- University of Pennsylvania
- Yale University

**RESOURCES FOR STUDENT SUCCESS**

- **Academic Advising and Support**: addresses students’ needs through individualized and group academic advising that supports academic and career success, mentoring, and leadership development.
- **Office of Student Success**: checklists, tools, and advice to guide UMassD students on their paths to academic success
- **S.T.E.P. Up (Students Transitioning to Excellence and Professionalism)**: An academic program for incoming nursing and medical laboratory science majors, grounded in the college’s core values, that will help them prepare for academic excellence and personal growth.
LEARNING SPACES AND TECHNOLOGY

The College of Nursing & Health Sciences offers real-world, state-of-the-art nursing labs that include:

- Clinical Therapeutics Skills Lab
- Therapeutic Health Assessment Lab
- Elizabeth Pennington Simulation Laboratory and Debriefing Suite

Professional-level technology is available for our Medical Laboratory Science students that includes spectrophotometers; computer-controlled, semi-automated chemistry analyzers; urinalysis instruments; hematology cell counters; and rapid microorganism identification instruments.

FROM OUR ALUMNI

Learning from and working with the UMass Dartmouth faculty has been a joy. No matter the size of the class, the CNHS faculty always made time for whoever needed help, got to know their students, and showed the support and compassion that nursing practice should exemplify.

-Jillian Brooke Rush ’23

The MLS program at UMass Dartmouth prepares the student very well when they go into their clinical rotations at the hospitals. Many laboratory professionals like how UMass Dartmouth students are prepared for work.

-Jacob Athamni ’23

UMass Dartmouth’s curriculum was very unique because it not only had the typical research training that you would expect to find in a nursing PhD program, but also courses on how to be a good nurse educator. The faculty are just incredible. I really felt that I was nurtured and supported as I learned how to do research and disseminate information.

-Rachel Allen, PhD, PMHNO-BC, RN
Assistant Research Professor at Pennsylvania State University

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

- BS in Nursing
- RN to BS in Nursing (Online)
- Second Degree Accelerated BS in Nursing (ABSN) (Hybrid with fully online classes)
- BS in Medical Laboratory Science
- MLT-MLS in Medical Laboratory Science (Online)

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

- Master of Science in Nursing (MS) (Online)
  - Nursing and Healthcare Education concentration
  - Global Public Health concentration
- Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) (Hybrid; available full-time or part-time)
  - BS-DNP Plan
    - Adult/Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner track
    - Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner track
  - Post MS-DNP Plan
- Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study
  - Adult/Gerontology Primary Care
  - Psychiatric Mental Health (Online)
- Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing (PhD) (Hybrid)