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## **UConn Graduate Nursing Program Jumps to the Top Five in New England**

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Storrs, CT - The University of Connecticut School of Nursing jumped 36 spots from a No. 79 ranking in 2011 to No. 43, and is now ranked in the top 5 of graduate nursing programs in New England and top 7% nationally by *U.S. News & World Report* in its 2015 edition of "America's Best Graduate Schools."

"This is an amazing accomplishment in a very short period of time and all due to the excellence of our faculty, staff, students, community partners and alumni at the University of Connecticut's School of Nursing," said Dean Regina M. Cusson, PhD, NNP-BC, APRN, FAAN. "As a dean, I couldn't be more proud."

The *U.S. News & World Report* "America's Best Graduate Schools" rankings are calculated every four years for nursing schools' graduate programs. Ranking data are compiled through surveys of deans, administrators, and faculty from schools of nursing that are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education or the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission. For this year's ranking, 503 nursing schools with master's or doctoral programs accredited by either the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education or the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing were surveyed.

*U.S. News & World Report* acknowledges that nurses with master's degrees play a vital role in health administration, education and management.

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UConn's [School of Nursing](#) has a timeless commitment to wellness and provides the exceptional education needed to succeed and lead in the rapidly evolving healthcare professions. The school is fully approved, accredited and committed to quality research and public service. Its faculty members advance knowledge through excellence in scholarship and research into the healthcare needs of the world's diverse population. It seeks to earn the support of Connecticut taxpayers by dispatching a steady stream of competent, confident, compassionate nursing professionals – clinicians and scholars alike – into a world that desperately needs them.