

Mission & Goals

2020

A Legacy of Care and Discovery

For nearly 65 years, the Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation has distinguished itself as a model for excellence and inspiration in nursing and interprofessional practice, education and research.

In 1957, Arizona State University launched the School of Nursing with 58 students enrolled. Today, the Edson College provides a first-class education for over 4,000 undergraduate and graduate students annually, with an alumni base of over 14,000 graduates. What started with one nursing program has now grown to offer a variety of undergraduate, master's and doctoral programs.

The Edson Gift

A \$25 million gift from the Edson family in 2019 set the college on a course to continue its leadership and research capabilities in the areas of cognitive development, dementia and family caregiving. The gift also provided scholarship funds to help students pursue a dual PhD/DNP degree that will prepare them as nurse scientists who have both practice and research expertise. Additionally, funding became available for post-doctoral students in dementia research and family caregiving..

Mission

Our mission is to **advance interprofessional nursing knowledge and innovative practice models**, while developing new solutions to optimize the health and well-being of our diverse local, national and global communities.

Goals

Deliver excellent nursing and interprofessional education that is accessible, inclusive, innovative and learner-centered.

Build a national reputation in innovative nursing and health related programs that significantly impact individuals and communities.

Establish ASU as a **leading global center** for interdisciplinary research, discovery and development by 2025.

Enhance our local impact and **social embeddedness**.

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