



**COLUMBUS STATE**  
UNIVERSITY

*ANNOUNCES A NATIONAL SEARCH FOR THE*  
**Director of the School of Nursing**





*A rendering of the new College of Education and Health Professions Building.*

**Columbus State University (CSU)**, a unit of the University System of Georgia, seeks an experienced nursing educator to hold the leadership position of **Director of the School of Nursing**. The Director is the chief nursing academic officer and reports to the Dean of the College of Education and Health Professions.

*Review of applications begins immediately.*

### The Opportunity

The School of Nursing at Columbus State University offers baccalaureate and master's nursing degrees. With a total enrollment of between 800 and 900 students, the school graduates a diverse body of nearly 250 students annually.

The School provides the traditional BSN program for students seeking their RN license and three online degree programs: a RN-BSN option for licensed RNs with an Associate's degree; a Master of Science in Nursing degree with nurse educator, nurse leadership, and informatics tracks; and a Master of Science in Nursing degree in Family Nurse Practitioner. Both MSN programs are offered in collaboration with Georgia Southwestern State University.

To gain a global perspective of health care organizations, students may participate in a study abroad program in Ireland and a student service opportunity in Ecuador.

More than 85 percent of Columbus State University's School of Nursing graduates pass the NCLEX, the national nursing licensure exam.

Based on data provided by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, Columbus State is the number one RN-to-BSN provider in Georgia among public colleges of nursing.

The Director of the School of Nursing is responsible for advancing the nursing degree programs and continuing its success. The Director is a twelve-month, tenure-track administrative/faculty position in the School of Nursing, within the College of Education and Health Professions.

The Director will foster an environment of professionalism and collaboration while working toward continuous improvement of nursing education. This leader will demonstrate exceptional ability to function as part of a team with University faculty and the community of practice.

Responsibilities include:

- Administering the academic, fiscal, and human resource management within the School of Nursing
- Providing overall leadership and direction for curriculum, scheduling, faculty hiring, and faculty and staff evaluations
- Reviewing of programs
- Conducting unit strategic planning and setting academic outcomes
- Leading the development and implementation of new programs
- Providing recommendations for resource allocations
- Supporting work relationships internally and externally of the University as well as with alumni

### Qualifications

Candidates should have an earned doctorate in Nursing, or equivalent, from an accredited college or university. Along with a record of quality teaching, scholarship, and service, a minimum of three years of teaching is required.

Applicant must have the ability to meet the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges requirements, in particular a minimum of 18 graduate hours in the teaching discipline.

Additionally, the successful candidate must have obtained tenure in a previous position in order to be hired into this position with tenure.

Prior academic leadership experience in an institution of higher education is preferred.

Other requirements are:

- Hold a current license or be eligible for licensure as a RN in Georgia
- Possess a demonstrated ability to work collaboratively
- A demonstrated ability to provide vision, leadership, and advocacy for the university, college, school, programs, faculty, and staff

- Possess experience with accreditation of nursing programs
- Experience working with and recruiting diverse populations

### The College of Education and Health Professions

The College of Education and Health Professions (COEHP) seeks to achieve excellence in the preparation of teachers, counselors, leaders, and health professionals. It offers programs that combine a sound foundation in academics with a multitude of practical experiences.

Dr. Deirdre Greer is dean of the College of Education and Health Professions. The College consists of the Department of Counseling, Foundations, and Leadership; the Department of Health, Physical Education, and Exercise Science; the Department of Teacher Education; and the School of Nursing.

More than 2,600 students are enrolled in the College's 18 undergraduate and 40 graduate degree programs, many of which lead to initial and advanced educator certification. Eight educational endorsement programs also are available.

Faculty members are engaged in the community through partnerships with



school districts, hospitals, clinics, and other organizations.

In its *Strategic Plan 2013-2018*, the College has identified five strategic initiatives: 1) Strengthen Community Partnerships, 2) Support Professional Commitment and Investment, 3) Increase Collaboration within COEHP and with other Colleges, 4) Growth in Programs, and 5) Increase and Track Student Success.

The COEHP is fully accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation, the Georgia Professional Standards Commission, the Council for Accreditation of Counseling

and Related Programs, and Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

### About the University

Columbus State University is a comprehensive regional university located 90 miles southwest of Atlanta. A flourishing institution, CSU is known for its quality, affordability, and unparalleled local support. The University has a diverse student population. It serves students primarily from the Southeast, while attracting others from 20 nations around the world.

CSU thrives on community partnerships to deliver excellence for students who want to achieve personal and professional success in an increasingly global environment.

The University offers undergraduate and graduate degrees, including a doctorate in education. The College of Letters and Sciences recently launched a Competitive Premedical Studies Program and has proposed a Master of Science in Natural Sciences program with three tracks: Biology, Environmental Science, and Geoscience. The University also provides a variety of online offerings, including full-degree programs, and an extensive continuing education program.

Columbus State was ranked most

## Quick Facts about CSU

- **Established:** 1958
- **Enrollment:** 8,400 students, including 1,200 graduate students
- **Degree Programs:** 87 undergraduate, 53 graduate
- **Faculty:** 331 (full-time), 238 (part-time)
- **Staff:** 511 (full-time), 137 (part-time)
- **Alumni:** More than 35,000
- **Economic Impact:** \$247 million (2012)
- **CSU Foundation Endowment:** \$51 million
- College of the Arts
  - Schwob School of Music
- Turner College of Business
  - TSYS School of Computer Science
- College of Education and Health Professions
  - School of Nursing
- College of Letters and Sciences
- Honors College

recently by *U.S. News & World Report* in the top 50 of public comprehensive universities in the South. Three of the institution's online programs - business, graduate education and bachelor's in nursing - have been recognized by the popular ranking magazine as being among the best in the nation.

The University occupies two campuses: one in suburban Columbus, housing programs in the sciences, business, and humanities. The other, called the RiverPark campus, is in the city's historic downtown on the banks of the Chattahoochee River.

RiverPark encompasses about a dozen buildings, including student apartments, a space science center, and an academic campus that includes some of the country's most sophisticated teaching and fine and performing arts spaces.

The University also offers courses at Fort Benning, the U.S. Army's Maneuver Center of Excellence headquarters.

CSU is a Division II member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association. The Cougars field 14 intercollegiate teams.

### About Columbus, Georgia

Columbus is one of the South's most cosmopolitan cities with endless dining, entertainment, and family adventures to explore. It also is home to world-class enterprises, such as Aflac, Synovus, W.C. Bradley Company, TSYS, and Fort Benning, the U.S. Army's Maneuver Center of Excellence headquarters.

The Columbus region has more than 350,000 residents and is located within two hours of the capitals of Georgia and Alabama. The city is known for its cultural arts, largely due to the RiverPark campus. The extensive offerings of visual and performing arts programs and special performers at CSU attract thousands of visitors annually. The city also has the longest urban whitewater course in the world.



## Application and Nomination Process

**Confidential inquiries** are welcomed and **nominations** are invited.

### 1. To Apply - Application packet **must include:**

- a) A letter of interest
- b) Statement of Administrative Philosophy
- c) Current Curriculum Vitae
- d) Unofficial transcripts
- e) Three letters of recommendations
- f) At least five references with full contact information (References will not be contacted without consent from applicants.)
- g) Your answers to the questions at:  
[www.myersmcrac.com/skins/userfiles/file/MMQuestions.pdf](http://www.myersmcrac.com/skins/userfiles/file/MMQuestions.pdf)

### 2. Submit application packet to: **CSU-Nursing@myersmcrac.com**

Nominations should include contact information for the individual being nominated and submitted to: **CSU-Nominations@myersmcrac.com**.

Review of materials begins immediately. For best consideration, application materials should be received by **May 26, 2016**.

**Emily Parker Myers**, CEO, and **Alan G. Medders**, President, of **Myers McRae Executive Search and Consulting** are assisting Columbus State University with this search.



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