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# UM School of Nursing and Health Studies Ranks Among the Top 30 Nursing Schools

The newly released *U.S. News & World Report's Best Graduate Schools 2023* places the School of Nursing and Health Studies (SONHS) among the Top 30 nursing schools in the United States for both its Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) and Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree programs.

"This is great news for the University of Miami," said SONHS Dean and Professor Cindy L. Munro, PhD, RN, ANP-BC, FAAN, FAANP, FAAAS. "I am extremely proud of our school's strong record of evaluation in *U.S. News & World Report*. Our

*increasingly positive rankings are testament to growing recognition from peer institutions and health care professionals for the rigorous work our faculty and students do to transform lives and health care through education, research, innovation, and service across the hemisphere.”*

The school’s MSN program is No. 1 in Florida, according to *the* 2023 Best Nursing Schools Master’s Programs guide. Ranked No. 29 nationally, the MSN program is up 5 spots from last year (No. 34) and up 9 from 2018 (No. 38). The MSN degree at SONHS offers a wide range of advanced educational and clinical experience, with first-time pass rates on nurse practitioner certification exams well above the national average.

The DNP program at SONHS ranks No. 27 among the 2023 Best Nursing Schools DNP Programs—its highest-ever placement on this list and an 11-spot leap from 2022 (No. 38). SONHS first launched a DNP degree program in 2009, established Florida’s first-ever BSN-to-DNP Nurse Anesthesia track in 2014, and announced [three new BSN-to-DNP tracks this year](#). Graduates of these programs are prepared to be innovators in advanced practice nursing and health care leadership.

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