

U.S. News ranks SIUE School of Nursing Online Bachelor's Program among the best

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EDWARDSVILLE - Southern Illinois University Edwardsville's School of Nursing's RN to BS jumped 22 percent in the *U.S. News & World Report* annual ranking of top online bachelor's programs. In its 2017 Best Online Bachelor's Programs list released January 10, *U.S News* ranked the program 68th among 308 schools nationally, placing it among the top five online bachelor's programs in Illinois.

Dr. Laura Bernaix, dean of the School of Nursing, said the *U.S. News* rankings reflect the School's continued commitment to providing excellent academic programs that prepare nurses to practice in a challenging and dynamic healthcare environment.

"To see such a dramatic improvement in rankings in only our second year of participating in this survey is quite an honor," Bernaix said. "This accomplishment is a testimony to the hard work and dedication of our faculty in providing a high-quality, affordable and accessible education to students throughout the region."

Rankings for the top online learning programs were based upon faculty credentials and training, student engagement, admissions selectivity, peer reputation, and student services and technology.

The full rankings are available at <u>usnews.com</u>.