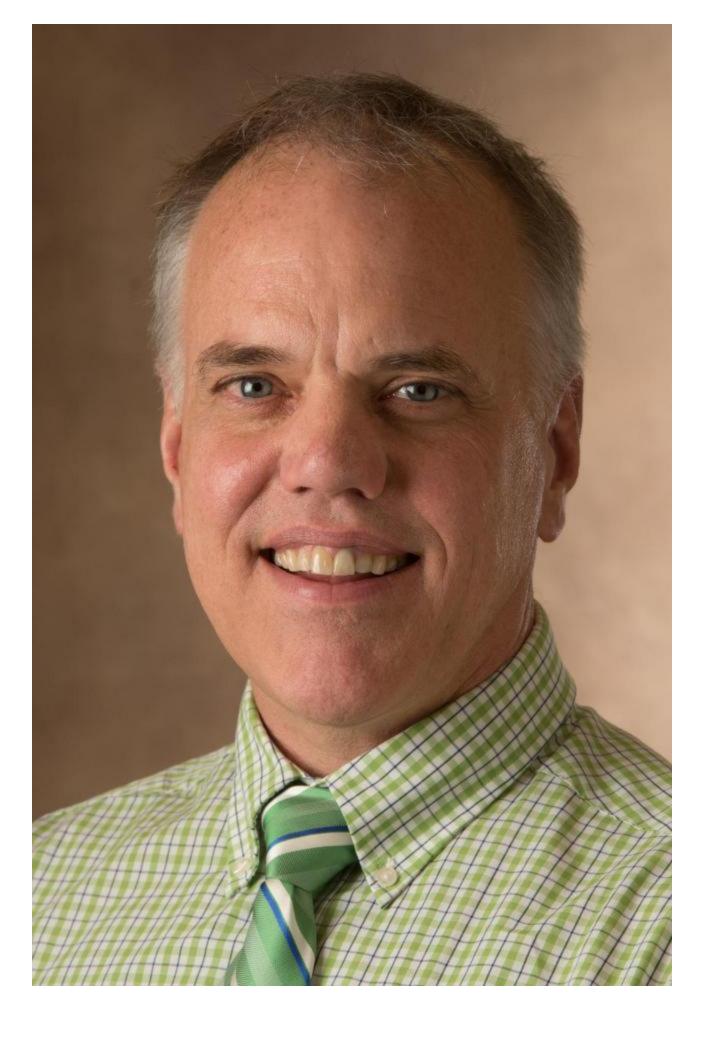


## US News Ranks SIUE Nursing Online Master's Among Nation's Top 50

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EDWARDSVILLE – U.S. News and World Report has ranked the Southern Illinois University Edwardsville School of Nursing (SON) online master's in nursing program 45th nationally. The SON program climbed eight spots from a year ago. To view the complete rankings, visit usnews.com/education/online- education.

According to USNews, highly ranked programs have strong traditional academic foundations based on student-instructor access, graduation rates and instructor credentials. They also excel at educating distance learners, while offering robust career and financial support.

"It's always exciting to see the School of Nursing continue to rise in national rankings," said Assistant Dean for Graduate Programs Andrew Griffin, PhD, CRNA, APRN. "While we have made many changes that positively affect our graduate nursing programs, I believe the key to our recent success is directly related to the strong graduate faculty who deliver the courses to our master's nursing students. Their use of the latest online teaching tools promote excellence in instruction and sets us apart."

The ranking methodology includes faculty and student engagement, expert opinion from high ranking academic officials in nursing, faculty credentials and training, services and technologies that incorporate diverse online learning technologies allow greater flexibility for students to take classes from a distance, and student excellence.

The SIUE School of Nursing's programs are committed to creating excellence in nursing leadership through innovative teaching, evidence-based practice, quality research, patient advocacy and community service. Enrolling more than 1,700 students in its baccalaureate, master's and doctoral programs, the School develops leaders in pursuit of shaping the nursing profession and impacting the health care environment. SIUE's undergraduate nursing programs on the Edwardsville campus and the regional campus in Carbondale help to solve the region's shortage of baccalaureate-prepared nurses and enhance the quality of nursing practice within all patient service venues. The School's graduate programs prepare nurses for advanced roles in clinical practice, administration and education.