

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION



The Heart of Nursing Is Here

HCCC nurses caring for Hudson, one life at a time

Every nurse begins with someone who believes in them

Nurses play a vital role in our local economy, and the health and well-being of our community. At HCCC, future nurses find more than classrooms, clinical experiences and simulation labs. They find faculty and staff who know their names, recognize their promise and help them become the skilled, compassionate professionals our families and communities need to thrive.

A Hudson story that comes full circle

Eva Racine | HCCC Nursing alumna and Skills Simulation Lab Coordinator

Eva Racine was born, raised and educated in Jersey City. She began her health care career as a licensed practical nurse, earned her HCCC Nursing degree in 2001 and earned her BSN from Felician University degree. After a career spanning more than 35 years, much of it in critical care, things came full circle when Eva returned to HCCC to guide the next generation of nurses. Today, she helps nursing students build the judgment, confidence and practical skills they will carry into hospitals and health-care settings throughout our region. What began as Eva's own HCCC nursing journey has grown into a multigenerational legacy, as her son Patrick followed in her footsteps as an HCCC nursing grad, and her youngest now a freshman at HCCC.

One HCCC nurse preparing the next. That is the Hudson tradition.

HCCC Nursing by the Numbers



58

RN graduates
honored in 2025



3

day, evening and
weekend study pathways



1 of 3

HCCC is one of three
inaugural New Jersey Pay It Forward
training providers

Chosen to help lead a statewide solution

In 2022, Governor Phil Murphy announced New Jersey's innovative Pay It Forward Program at HCCC. Registered Nursing at HCCC was selected as one of only three inaugural training providers statewide and the only health care program among them. The groundbreaking initiative recognized HCCC Nursing as a strong pathway to a high-earning career and a vital source of talent for New Jersey's health care workforce.

The need is large. The calling is personal.

Every HCCC nurse represents patients comforted, families guided and communities made stronger.

THE PEOPLE BEHIND EVERY HCCC NURSE

Faculty and staff who are second to none

HCCC Nursing is distinguished not only by what our students learn, but by the people who walk alongside them. Their experience, commitment to excellence, and care shape every HCCC Nursing graduate.

Dr. Catherine Sirangelo-Elbadawy | Dean, School of Nursing and Health Professions

For many years, Dean Sirangelo-Elbadawy has guided HCCC's health-professions education with deep knowledge of nursing, critical care and nursing education. As she approaches retirement, her legacy lives in the people and programs she has strengthened.

Dr. Lori Byrd | Director, Nursing Program

Dr. Byrd brings more than 20 years in education to leading the Nursing Program and teaching Nursing students. Although retired, she continues to provide leadership and stability while HCCC welcomes new hires.

Lisa Ciekiewicz, M.A., B.A. | Manager, Admissions and Recruitment, Nursing

A Jersey City native and first-generation college graduate, Lisa has more than 20 years of higher education experience. She guides aspiring nurses from admission through their degree program, providing steady support from interest to achievement.

Exceptional nursing faculty | Clinicians, educators and mentors

Students learn from accomplished nurses and educators. Professor Griselda Frane, for example, is a Certified Nurse Educator, former critical-care nurse and recipient of a National League for Nursing award for outstanding teaching or leadership.

A proud Hudson tradition continues

Across Hudson County and beyond, HCCC nurses are caring for patients, supporting families and bolstering the health care workforce. In the months ahead, we look forward to sharing more about the graduates, educators and partnerships that make HCCC Nursing different, better and special.



Are you part of the HCCC Nursing story?

Tell us where HCCC took you, recognize someone who made a difference, or let us know how your organization hires, partners with, sponsors or supports HCCC Nursing.

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