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COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

What's New at WGU?

Exciting news! WGU is increasing access to its graduate programs by implementing mechanisms to accept graduate transfer credit. This is a benefit for those who may have begun a master's program and left without completing it. Transfer credits from accredited nursing programs are available to all, not just WGU grads. If you have been waiting to finish your master's in nursing education, nursing leadership and management, nursing informatics, or even an FNP, this new opportunity can open that door for you.

In other news, the college launched its first in a series of Care Coordination certificates with our Chronic Care Coordination certificate program. The Behavioral Health Care Coordination Certificate program will launch in the next few months, followed by a Palliative Care Coordination program later in the year. These certificate programs provide on-ramps for pre- and paraprofessionals in healthcare to move into entry roles in care coordination, an area that is expanding greatly with the growing emphasis on early intervention and community-based efforts.

In addition, the college has expanded its offering of the Medical Assistant certificate program, working directly with health systems and other groups who want to upskill their workforce into this role. With our pathways strategy, all of our certificates provide a pathway to a degree with academic credit into a B.S. in Health Services Coordination, Health Information Management, or Nursing. This program is available only in a business-to-business model, so if you know or work in a system that is interested in workforce development through a program like this, reach out to Jeff Dunn, Director of the Center for Professional Learning, at jeff.dunn@wgu.edu.

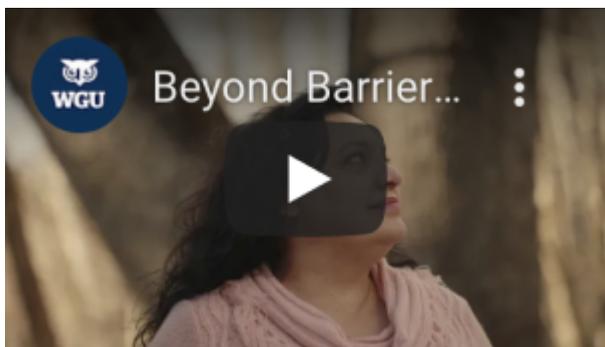
WGU Alumni Successes



Woman overcomes significant life obstacles to become a nurse

Ever since she was three years old, Sarah has been working to overcome significant obstacles. Her mother suffered from drug addiction, and this put Sarah and her siblings in foster care. Sarah also didn't finish high school, got married, and had a baby all at a young age. It was while she was at the hospital with her baby that nurses encouraged her to become a nurse. That's when she earned her RN license and eventually got her BSN at WGU.

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Beyond Barriers

WGU is teaming up with Today.com and NBC Universal to raise awareness of the inequalities in access to higher education with the Beyond Barriers campaign. [Learn more](#) about how we are striving to provide access to higher education, and meet some of our students who have overcome barriers.

Ginger Parker-Southard, an M.S. Nursing Leadership and Management grad, was featured as a part of this campaign.

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Industry News



Leadership Skills for Success

Whether you're looking for an entry-level position or moving up the career ladder, work on these ten leadership skills to help you stand out from the crowd.

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Stories Are Crucial for Leaders

Watch this TEDTalk titled “How your brain responds to stories—and why they're crucial for leaders” presented by Karen Eber to learn more about how to connect at your workplace.

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4 New Technologies for Nurses

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Career & Professional Development

Did you know that WGU Career & Professional Development has specific resources for each college—including [Health Professions](#)—that include career guides and a variety of other professional development resources. If you are looking for a new role within healthcare, we have [a page that lists job boards](#) based on your niche—healthcare management, health information management, and nursing. There are also [resource pages](#) breaking down professional associations, professional development opportunities, and additional employment websites by discipline. These tools can help you get your job search—and year—started off on the right foot.

Don't forget that we also offer [weekly webinars](#) on a variety of topics to help you with common job search struggles. Additionally, you can [set up an appointment](#) with one of our Career Advisors for personalized coaching. No matter where you are in the process, we are here to support you!

LinkedIn Learning

Did you know that as a WGU grad, you have access to LinkedIn Learning? Watch this three-minute video called "Practice great body language" by Professional Speaker Laura Bergells. Use your WGU credentials to login.

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WGU Milestone



WGU Washington 10-Year Anniversary

This year, WGU Washington celebrates its 10-Year Anniversary! We invite Washington alumni to join in the festivities with opportunities to win WGU swag and other prizes leading up to our anniversary on April 22nd. [Visit our 10-Year page](#) to learn about what's happening now. We'll have more fun activities and challenges to participate in as we approach our anniversary date! Thanks, Night Owls, for celebrating with WGU Washington.