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COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

2022 Commencement Locations

Commencement is back! Grads, RSVP now for the commencement that works for you! Visit [HERE](#) for details, including the full 2022 nationwide commencement schedule.

- January 29 - Winter Virtual
- February 18-19 - Dallas
- April 8-9 - Phoenix
- May 20-21 - Philadelphia
- July 15-16 - Seattle
- July 16 - Summer Virtual
- August 5-6 - Salt Lake City
- September 23-24 - Indianapolis
- October 21-22 - St. Louis
- November 18-19 - Orlando



We can't wait to celebrate with you!

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Graduate Highlights



250,000+ Graduates

WGU now has more than 250,000 graduates! Since 1997, we've been inspired by each of you. We are happy to introduce you to the 250,000th graduate, Marissa Price, from Washington state.

[Read Marissa's Story](#)



Commencement in Las Vegas

We had an amazing turnout in Las Vegas last month after nearly two years of not holding in-person commencements. We had more than 1,000 graduates in attendance. Congratulations again to all of our graduates!

[See More of the Fun Here](#)

A Note from College Leadership

Future of Nursing 2020-2030: Charting a Path to Achieve Health Equity

As part of their "Race to Value" podcast series, leaders from the Accountable Care Learning Collaborative recently discussed the landmark consensus study by the National Academy of Medicine and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF). Participants included Susan Hassmiller, Senior Adviser for Nursing, (RWJF) and Janelle R. Sokolowich, Academic Vice President/Dean, for WGU's College of Health Professions.

The Future of Nursing 2020-2030: Charting a Path to Achieve Health Equity

RACE TO VALUE

Susan B. Hassmiller
RN, PHD, FAAN

Janelle R. Sokolowich
Ph.D., MSN/Ed, RN

The study charts a 10-year path for the nursing profession, to help our nation create a culture of health, reduce health disparities, and improve the health and wellbeing of the U.S. population in the 21st century. Hassmiller served as the report's study director.

[LISTEN HERE](#)

Regional News



WGU Texas' 20,000th Graduate

Joanna An's educational journey is just one of the many stories of the 250,000+ WGU graduates and one of the 20,000th in the Lone Star state.

[Read Joanna's Story](#)



North Carolina Grad Awarded with Innovator Award

WGU Alum, Anthony Utt, was a winner of the 2021 Tech Innovator Award. Click below to learn more about Anthony and his journey to this award and listen to Anthony's interview on the [WGU Alumni Podcast](#).

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WGU Grad Receives Teacher of the Year Award

South Carolina WGU Grad and middle school math teacher, Laura Merk, was awarded the 2021-22 District Teacher of the Year. "I believe teaching is about providing experiences for students to make connections with learning. Learning needs to be interesting, engaging and relevant so that students are inspired to be life-long learners."

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Industry News



Common Nursing Mnemonics

Nurses often find themselves working in emergency situations where as part of their nursing process they need to think on their feet, act fast, and make quick diagnoses. This is where a mnemonic device can help.

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VR in the Healthcare Industry

In the COVID era, waiting rooms are getting full and patients are left waiting. While patients wait, they are left in pain and there's not much you can do in that situation. What about experimenting with

VR?

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Promise Made, Promise Kept

As the owner of a 52-and-a-half acre goat farm, WGU alum Bobette Fagel didn't have time for school, but her father, who was always a big proponent of education, encouraged her to find a way to go back. Click on the button below to read about the ups and downs of her educational and life journey.

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Giveaways and Resources

Sage's 12 Days of Giveaways

December is the time of giving. That's why WGU's Sage wanted to join in on this giving month. Sage was inspired by the song 12 Days of Christmas and wanted to start something new, Sage's 12 Days of Giveaways! Each Monday through Friday, starting on December 6, Sage is giving away fun WGU swag. You could win sunglasses, beanies, picnic blankets, Visa[®] gift cards, and the grand prize of an iPad mini! there's still time to win - visit the [Night Owl Network](#) for more details and your chance to enter.

[Check It Out](#)

Free Access To Calm For One Year

These past 18 months have helped us understand not only how important our physical health is, but also how important our mental and emotional health is to our overall wellbeing.

Because of this, we've recently partnered with Calm, the #1 app for sleep and meditation, to provide 1,000 WGU alumni (first-come, first-serve) with access to their premium app until February 2022. [Sign up now](#) to access daily meditations, soundscapes, sleep health, and much more

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Student Loan Payment Restart

Get ready for student loan payments to restart. Don't wait until the last minute to update your contact information and compare repayment options. Some of these repayment options can lower your monthly payment! Log in or register for an online account with your loan servicer to ensure you don't miss important updates.

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A Note From Career and Professional Development

Career & Professional Leadership Job Boards and other Resources

The healthcare management profession offers an array of career opportunities. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), employment in healthcare management is projected to grow 32% from 2019 to 2029, as healthcare organizations strive to adapt to a changing healthcare landscape. Whether you are entering into healthcare management, looking to elevate your current options, or are a career switcher, chances are there is a prime opportunity in this industry that awaits you.

The Career and Professional Development team at WGU can help. We offer a variety of healthcare management resources such as [job boards](#) for nurses and healthcare information management job seekers. More importantly, our healthcare resources highlight potential professional associations, professional development for continuing education tools, and employment websites. As a professional in this industry, you enjoy making important decisions and being a leader while following the evolving innovation of healthcare.

What job are you considering in the healthcare management field? Click the [Contact Us](#) link to schedule an appointment with a career advisor and discuss job search strategies

customized for you.

WGU Reviews



Trustpilot

Last month, the university received 47 reviews from students and graduates, 74% of which were 5-star reviews. If you'd like to leave a review, visit the link below and provide feedback on your WGU experience.

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