

## A Message from the Associate Dean/Director, School of Nursing



Welcome to Niner Nursing at UNC Charlotte. These are exciting times in the School of Nursing as the University faces escalating growth in our student body and a changing demographic population. This is also an important time for healthcare and the nursing profession. Not only are nurses needed more than ever, but national and international attention on healthcare reform creates opportunities for nurses to be a major part of the solution.

As Niner Nurses, we are known for being a part of the solution in healthcare and experts in the evidence based practice and nursing science. We prepare outstanding graduates, many of whom have become clinicians, educators, researchers and leaders that play key roles in advancing the profession of nursing. As a School, we are distinguished for our history and reputation of excellence in the community and working with our partners to educate our students in providing patient-centered care. We are proud of our accomplishments in teaching especially in simulation and on-line instruction, and we are very proud of our ever increasing programs of faculty research. I work closely with an extremely talented group of faculty who are doing cutting-edge research, and are internationally and nationally recognized for their contributions in preparing future leaders in nursing to meet the healthcare needs of an ever changing culturally diverse society.

I invite you to learn more about our undergraduate, masters, and doctoral programs and what makes this School of Nursing so unique and special. We are committed to your success and future in becoming a leader in nursing. I hope you'll take the time to stop by our school for a visit or explore our website ([uncc.nursing.edu](http://uncc.nursing.edu)) for more information. Thank you for your interest and we look forward to your becoming a part of Niner Nation.

Go Niners!

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