

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE
SCHOOL OF NURSING
OWENSBORO EXTENSION

Now Is the Moment: Invest in the Future of Nursing

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An investment from Impact 100 Owensboro at this pivotal time will have an extraordinary impact for years to come

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**Join us in empowering the nurses of tomorrow.
The time to make a difference is now.**

OUR HISTORY

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OUR PROGRAM

The UofL Nursing Owensboro Extension offers two BSN pathways: a traditional 4-year program for students without a prior degree, and a 15-month accelerated program for those with a bachelor's in another field. Both use a hybrid model of online coursework and in-person clinicals in Owensboro, after completing prerequisites at a regionally accredited college.

The curriculum blends theory and practice through lectures, labs, and 500+ clinical hours, preparing students for the NCLEX-RN, professional nursing careers, and advanced degrees, while fostering excellence in nursing science, practice, and leadership.

OUR STUDENTS

Our students live in Daviess, Muhlenberg, Breckenridge, McLean, Ohio, and Grayson counties. Thanks to tuition reciprocity agreements, students also live in several nearby Indiana counties.

OUR FACULTY

Our faculty live in the region, are experienced, credentialed professionals dedicated to student success. With national certifications, clinical expertise, and a passion for teaching, they provide students with the knowledge, mentorship, and hands-on training needed to thrive in today's complex healthcare environment.

OUR COMMUNITY

Residents of Western Kentucky face significant challenges in accessing healthcare, which adversely impacts their health. Owensboro and its neighboring communities face a growing health crisis:

- High Rates of Chronic Illness**
- Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders**
- Limited Access to Care in Rural Areas**
- Poverty and Low Educational Attainment**

The Owensboro Extension plays a critical role in addressing these disparities by training nurses who remain in the region and serve its most vulnerable populations.

MISSION

Model professional excellence
Educate nurses for distinction in leadership, innovation, practice, research, engagement, and service.

VISION

Improve health and outcomes by transforming healthcare in partnership with consumers, stakeholders, and professionals

VALUES

- Accountability
- Compassion
- Curiosity
- Engagement
- Integrity
- Respect
- Innovation



How Simulation Lab Experiences Prepare Nurses for the Future of Healthcare

Simulation labs are a cornerstone of modern nursing education, offering students a safe, controlled, and immersive environment to develop and refine clinical skills before entering real-world healthcare settings. These labs bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and hands-on practice, ensuring that students are not only knowledgeable but also confident and competent in their abilities.

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Support from Impact 100 Owensboro Will Provide Vital Upgrades to the Simulation Lab

- Bed, furniture, and infrastructure enhancements
- Simulation equipment for diverse patient scenarios
- Adult and pediatric manikins for skills practice
- Emergency response training tools
- Specialized tools to elevate clinical skills

Key Benefits of Simulation Training

- Safe Learning Environment
- Realistic Clinical Scenarios
- Immediate Feedback and Skill Development
- Teamwork and Communication
- Preparation for Rural and Underserved Settings
- Improved Patient Outcomes

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Simulation Lab Equipment Budget Request to Impact 100 Owensboro 2026

Request Category	Impact	Requested Item	Qty	Unit Price	Total
Bed, Furniture and Infrastructure Enhancements	Train simultaneously at each station, improving safety, realism, and instructional efficiency	Hillrom VersaCare Bed (refurbished)	7	\$2,708.33	\$18,958.31
		Bed bundle with overbed table and bedside cabinet	2	\$3,010.00	\$6,020.00
		Stretcher	1	\$2,516.67	\$2,516.67
		Overbed tables	7	\$175.00	\$1,225.00
		Functional Simulated Headwall Unit	5	\$4,375.00	\$21,875.00
Simulation Equipment for Diverse Patient Scenarios	Practice age and gender-specific care, currently limited by reliance on adult-only manikins	Pediatric Manikin	1	\$3,554.10	\$3,554.10
		Geriatric Simulator Add on Module	1	\$8,099.10	\$8,099.10
		Male Simulator Add on Module	1	\$5,309.10	\$5,309.10
Adult Manikins for Skills Practice	Engage in hands-on practice simultaneously, reducing wait times and improving learning outcomes	Adult skill training manikins	5	\$3,869.10	\$19,345.50
Emergency Response Training Tools	Practice code blue and other critical response protocols in a safe, controlled environment	Emergency Crash Cart	1	\$4,649.50	\$4,649.50
		Emergency Crash Cart Meds	1	\$34.99	\$34.99
Specialized Tools to Elevate Clinical Skills	Experience more efficient and immersive skills labs, improving learning outcomes through increased realism and expanded practice opportunities	Fundus Skills and Assessment Module	2	\$665.10	\$1,330.20
		Belly Plates for Wound Dressing Change	8	\$179.10	\$1,432.80
		Shipping and Handling			\$10,355.52
		Total			\$104,705.79

Timeline for Implementation: With support from Impact 100, we have a goal to have all equipment in place by Spring 2026