



UNIVERSITY of
SAN FRANCISCO

UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO SCHOOL OF NURSING

Self-study for the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education

*Initial Accreditation of the Bachelor of Science
in Nursing Degree Program and the Master of
Science Degree in Nursing Programs*



Overview

University of San Francisco founded by Jesuit priests in 1855 was the first college in San Francisco. Over the years, the University has made numerous contributions to the civic, business, and educational leadership of the times—educators, a Pulitzer Prize winner, business executives, members of Congress, college presidents, sport figures, and scientists. Today, the USF graduate is grounded with a liberal education, named for enlightened leadership in the professions, and fortified with the ideals of a Jesuit education.

The University's principal mission is the liberal education of students in Arts & Sciences, as well as the preparation of professionals for education, nursing, business, and law. The University of San Francisco is made up of six colleges and schools that include College of Arts & Sciences, School of Law, McLaren School of Business, School of Education, School of Nursing, and College of Professional Studies. A wide variety of ages, cultures, and religions are found in USF's richly diverse multinational student population.

University of San Francisco's School of Nursing began in the 1940s as a cooperative effort with the Sisters of Mercy, so that registered nurses from nearby St. Mary's Hospital could earn their baccalaureate degrees. The School of Nursing became the first private nursing program in California, formed in 1954 and accredited by the National League for Nursing when the first students graduated in 1958. The School has been continuously committed to the preparation of professional nurses within the Jesuit academic tradition, with strong liberal arts and science foundation coupled with professional knowledge in the discipline of nursing. The School began offering a Master of Science in Nursing in the fall of 1984.

The School of Nursing has maintained its deep commitment to the Jesuit tradition by placing great value on the highest academic standards in all of its programs for it believes that a nursing career requires not only strong academic ability in the women and men who choose its rigorous course of study, but also the ability to care for and about people. In return, the graduates receive the satisfaction only a career in caring can provide.