

# School of Nursing & Health Professions

## 2024 Admitted Graduate Student Survey Summary Report

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### General Information & Demographics

Survey period: October 7, 2024 through November 27, 2024  
SONHP response rate: 17% (41 respondents)

### Admissions/Acceptance

#### DECISION TO ATTEND OR NOT ATTEND USF

The majority of respondents accepted their offer of admission (90%,  $n = 37$ ) and began attending (86%,  $n = 32$ ). Of respondents who began attending, 59% ( $n = 19$ ) indicated they made the right decision to attend. Of those who did not begin attending<sup>1</sup>, 67% ( $n = 6$ ) indicated they made the right decision not to attend.

Only 9 respondents did not begin attending USF (4 did not accept their offer of admission, 5 accepted, but did not attend). The highest proportion (33%,  $n = 3$ ) of those who did not begin attending made their decision when they learned how much they would receive in scholarships/grants from USF. Other respondents made their decision after: they received their notification of acceptance; they received admittance to another institution; they learned how much they would receive in scholarships/grants from another institution; when USF cancelled their program; and after they deferred enrollment. Of those who did not begin attending, 67% ( $n = 6$ ) are attending another college or university.

The highest portion of respondents (38%,  $n = 15$ ) applied to only USF. 67% ( $n = 20$ ) of respondents who began attending indicated that USF was their first choice.

### College Characteristics<sup>2</sup>

#### IMPORTANT FACTORS IN CHOOSING A COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

Of those did not begin attending, 100% ( $n = 9$ ) of respondents indicated that academic rigor was extremely or very important in choosing a college/university. Of respondents who began attending USF, the highest percentage of respondents (93%,  $n = 26$ ) indicated job outcomes/career opportunities was extremely or very important in choosing a college/university.

#### FACTORS THAT INFLUENCED DECISION TO ATTEND USF

The top factors that influenced respondents' decision to attend USF were academic rigor (89%,  $n = 25$ ), job outcomes/career opportunities (64%,  $n = 18$ ), location (61%,  $n = 17$ ), and class size (61%,  $n = 17$ ).

#### FACTORS THAT INFLUENCED DECISION NOT TO ATTEND USF

Of those who did not begin attending, the highest percentage of respondents indicated that financial cost (63%,  $n = 5$ ) was a factor in their decision not to attend.

#### RATINGS OF USF

The majority of characteristics (16 of 22) were rated by the highest percentage of respondents as either excellent or good with the exception of athletic programs and religious affiliation, which the highest percentage of respondents rated as no opinion, financial cost, which the highest percentage of respondents rated as poor, availability of scholarships, which the highest percentage of respondents rated as average, and availability of recreational facilities and opportunities to participate extracurricular activities with the highest percentage either had no opinion or rated good.

Of respondents who had an opinion, the highest percentage (91%,  $n = 29$ ) rated diversity of students as excellent or good.

While few respondents who had an opinion rated USF's characteristics as bad or poor, 59% ( $n = 20$ ) rated financial cost as bad or poor and 42% ( $n = 13$ ) rated availability of scholarships as bad or poor.

### Financial Aid/Assistance

#### FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID

75% ( $n = 24$ ) of domestic respondents applied for federal financial aid with 67% ( $n = 16$ ) receiving federal financial aid. 50% ( $n = 18$ ) of respondents received scholarships from USF.

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<sup>1</sup> Those who did not begin attending includes those who did not accept their offer of admission and those who accepted, but did not begin attending.

<sup>2</sup> In multiple select questions, percentages are determined by the number of respondents for each response option. Therefore the denominator may be different for each response option.