

# Milestones

- 1985:** Graduate School of Nursing established. Kathleen Dirschel, PhD, RN appointed first Dean.
- 1986:** First class of 30 students accepted into the following Master's degree specialties: Ambulatory Clinical Nurse Specialist, Acute Care Clinical Nurse Specialist, Nurse Administrator.
- 1987:** First class of graduates -13 graduates.
- 1989:** GSN granted eight year accreditation by National League for Nursing.
- 1990:** HIV Subspecialty established- funded by Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).
- 1991:** Lillian R. Goodman, EdD, RN named interim Dean.
- 1994 to present:** GSN awarded the contract to manage the Worcester State College Student Health Center.
- 1994:** First PhD Program in Nursing in UMass system, a Collaborative program of Amherst and Worcester campuses, is established and first students admitted.
- Cardiac Nursing subspecialty introduced- funded by

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

**1995:** Lillian R. Goodman, EdD, RN appointed Dean.

First Adult Acute/Critical Care Nurse Practitioner/Clinical Specialist Specialty in UMass system initiated.

Geriatric Subspecialty established in collaboration with Fallon Elder Care.

**1996:** Nurse Practitioner Attending Collaborative Service (NPACS) implemented with the Department of Medicine.

**1997:** National League for Nursing grants accreditation for eight years.

First PhD candidates in nursing program graduate.

Cancer Prevention and Control Education Subspecialty established.

**1999:** Dean Goodman retires and establishes an endowed chair. Becomes Dean and Professor, Emeriti.

Correctional/Institutional Subspecialty introduced.

**2000:** Doreen C. Harper, PhD, RN, FAAN appointed third Dean.

**2001:** Advanced Practice Nurse Educator Specialty established.

Worcester Nursing Pipeline Consortium established to

address nursing shortage through a collaborative of nursing programs, health care systems, schools and community organizations in Central Massachusetts. Funded by a grant from the Fairlawn Foundation, this collaborative included UMass GSN, Worcester State College, and Quinsigamond Community College. Atlantic Union College, Becker, Anna Maria, and Fitchburg State were also invited to participate.

Center for Nursing Excellence established.

Nurse Practitioner Council was initiated by a partnership between the clinical system and the GSN.

**2002:** Dual track- Adult Nurse Practitioner/Gerontological Nurse Practitioner and Acute Critical Care Nurse Practitioner/ Gerontological Nurse Practitioner specialties initiated -Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) funded grant.

**2003:** First Graduate Entry Pathway (GEP) in UMass system developed at UMW GSN.

**2004:** First GEP class admitted.

**2005:** Paulette Seymour-Route, PhD, RN named interim Dean.

First year of the independent PhD program.

Initial Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) accreditation awarded to the Master's Program of the GSN.

First GEP Pinning Ceremony.

**2006:** Paulette Seymour-Route, PhD, RN appointed fourth Dean.

**2007:** First GEP class graduates 27 students.

**2008:** Doctorate in Nursing Practice (DNP) Program approved and first class accepted.

First student in BS to PhD Pathway program accepted.

**2009:** Genetics Subspecialty initiated.

**2010:** CCNE accreditation granted to the Master's and DNP Programs

DNP Program graduates first class

First R01 awarded to the GSN

First R21 awarded to GSN.

**2011:** Interprofessional education collaboration expands with the GSN Nursing students and UMass Medical Students.

2012: GSN establishes Genetics and Genomics Curriculum for advanced practice and doctoral students

2013: New State-of-the-Art Albert Sherman Center (ASC) opens.

GEP lab moves to ASC building on main campus.

2014: New GSN learning community opens in ASC building.

New iCELS patient simulation lab opens in ASC building.

2015: UMass Worcester GSN is awarded a full ten year accreditation of our DNP and Post Master's Certificate Programs by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)

Dean Paulette Seymour Route PhD, RN awarded the Chancellor's Medal by UMMS Chancellor, Dr. Michael Collins at Graduation Commencement.