

Salve Regina's graduate nursing program partners with PC Institute for Medical Education



Fall River, Massachusetts Jan 3, 2023 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - Salve Regina has partnered with [PC Institute for Medical Education \(PCI\)](https://www.issuewire.com), New England's largest multi-use medical training facility, to expand experiential learning opportunities for nursing students enrolled in the master's in nursing with family nurse practitioner concentration (MSN-FNP), as well as its post-graduate FNP certificate programs.

Through the partnership, Salve Regina's nursing faculty and students will work alongside PCI professionals to access a wide range of simulation-based equipment and technology that mimic what healthcare professionals encounter daily in the field. PCI's 20,000-square-foot facility in Fall River, Massachusetts, features 24 bioskills stations, multiple lab spaces, high-fidelity simulation suites, configurable meeting rooms, and advanced audio-visual technologies.

The partnership is PCI's first with a university. It supports its mission to deliver high-quality, experiential learning using state-of-the-art techniques and technologies regionally, nationally, and internationally, according to Dr. Charles Pozner, chief medical officer and director of the simulation for PCI.

"The relationship between Salve Regina University's nursing program and PCI brings together two of

the area's leaders in healthcare education," Dr. Pozner said. "Salve Regina will leverage PCI's modern simulation-based technologies and our world-class simulation to enhance their nursing education."

The medical simulation at PCI uses high-fidelity computerized mannequins placed into realistic clinical settings to present clinical cases explicitly developed for participants to meet their individual learning needs. Salve Regina's nursing faculty will observe students from a control room and provide meaningful instruction based on their actions. Beginning in 2023, Salve Regina's nursing program will conduct up to four of its nursing colloquiums, also called residencies, at PCI annually.

"In a rapidly changing healthcare environment, the teaching of clinicians has become more dependent on simulation-based activities," Dr. Pozner said. "This safe, reproducible, and active learning environment supports modern educational techniques. The fidelity of the environment results in participants suspending the disbelief that they are in a simulated environment, and they begin to function as if caring for actual patients."

Dr. Sharon Stager, Salve Regina's graduate nursing program director, said PCI's innovative simulation opportunities will help students achieve competencies and the skills needed to provide ethical patient care across the lifespan. The University's goal is to empower future nursing leaders to advocate for the well-being of individuals, families, and the communities in which they live.

Salve Regina's MSN-FNP, accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, builds on the baccalaureate program to provide preparation for becoming an advanced practice nurse. Delivered online with a blend of synchronous and asynchronous class meetings, the program includes a 30-hour skills-based colloquium. After completing 48 credits of graduate-level coursework and a minimum of 750 clinical hours, students receive the MSN.

The Post-Graduate FNP certificate prepares advanced practice nurses with the didactic and patient care hours to expand their patient care practice. Once completed with the program, the MSN-FNP and Post Graduate FNP student is academically prepared for the family nurse practitioner national certification examination.

Founded by physicians, PCI provides cadaveric, scenario-based, and skills-based learning opportunities for students, trainees, and practicing clinicians from all disciplines — including physicians, nurses, EMS, and various allied health professions. PCI also provides inter-professional education supporting the development of communication skills that will improve the care teams provide in all clinical settings. It embodies a tradition of innovative approaches to healthcare and a commitment to advancing professional education and research for orthopedics, neurosurgery, and many other surgical specialties.



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