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CSUF Graduate Nursing Programs Rank Among Best in 2025

Cal State Fullerton's nursing-anesthesia program held its rankings at No. 1 in California and No. 7 in the nation, according to U.S. News & World Report's 2025 Best Graduate Schools rankings. Additionally, CSUF's nursing-midwifery program is ranked No. 1 of two programs in California and No. 32 in the nation.

The nursing-anesthesia doctoral program, offered in partnership with the Kaiser Permanente School of Anesthesia, tied nationally with Duke University, Georgetown University and the University of Cincinnati. CSUF's nursing-midwifery master's program this year tied nationally with Frontier Nursing University and Shenandoah University.

CSUF's graduate nursing programs were also named among Money's Best Graduate Schools in America for Your Money. The lists highlight graduate programs at U.S. colleges and universities that score high for their quality, affordability and value.

On its "Best Nursing Master's Programs for Your Money" list, CSUF earned 4.5 out of 5 stars. The list notes that early graduates could take on an average student debt of \$53,240 but could expect average early career salaries around \$175,200. The list also notes the programs' employment rate is 99%, and that nurse practitioner jobs are projected to grow by 45% in the next decade.

In its methodology, Money analyzed the quality of programs against their affordability, with a focus on annual prices, debt burdens, employment rates and recent graduate salaries. The lists score areas like accreditation, program demand and the amount of debt graduates take on.

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Chris Manriquez Appointed Vice President for Information Technology

Cal State Fullerton alum Chris Manriquez will return to his alma mater Aug. 1 to serve as vice president for information technology and chief information officer.

As the university's senior IT executive, Manriquez will provide strategic leadership, operational oversight and forward-looking innovation across campus, including infrastructure, academic technology, cybersecurity and digital transformation.

Manriquez has more than 25 years of experience in higher education technology leadership, including 16 years at Cal State Fullerton. Since 2012, he has served as vice president for information technology and chief information officer at CSU Dominguez Hills.

"Returning to Cal State Fullerton to lead information technology is a full-circle moment. It's an institution that helped shape my leadership values, deepened my commitment to equity and innovation, and fostered a lifelong dedication to student success," Manriquez said.

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Public Health Professor Appointed to Tobacco Education and Research Committee

Cal State Fullerton public health professor Joshua Yang was appointed to California's Tobacco Education and Research Oversight Committee to help oversee state tobacco control and prevention efforts.

Yang has worked in tobacco control research for more than 15 years, including examining industry tactics and policy relating to tobacco control and alternative products.

His research has spanned such topics as young adult tobacco and nicotine use, the adverse impacts of electronic cigarette use, and the marketing of emerging tobacco and nicotine products.

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Construction Collaborative Helps Engineering Grads Land Industry Jobs

For Class of 2025 grads David Fulivai, Thomas "TJ" McGrath and Joel Bayquen, the ECS Construction Collaborative played a key role in helping them land jobs after graduation.

The career-focused program is geared for students interested in construction and design, and it equips them with a skill set beyond classroom learning.

"The construction concepts and skills that I learned from being involved in the collaborative helped to prepare me for my career," said Fulivai, who works at the Port of Long Beach Pier B On-Dock Rail Support Facility.

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