

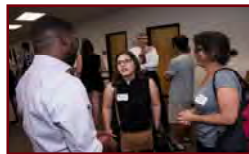
# ONLINE EDUCATION: EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

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## UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA - AT A GLANCE

FALL 2019	Student Enrollment
USC System	52,633
USC Columbia	35,364
Undergraduate	27,502
<b>Graduate</b>	<b>5,987</b>
Professional	1,875
Palmetto Colleges	5,117
Comprehensive Universities	12,152



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## UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA - AT A GLANCE

- Graduate degree programs at USC Columbia
  - **135** master's/specialist degrees
  - **64** doctoral degrees
  - **38** certificate of graduate study programs
  - **46 programs with 100% online delivery though USC Columbia**
- #1 in SC for faculty research productivity
- Almost half of all graduate students in South Carolina are at USC Columbia
- More than half of graduate degrees in South Carolina are conferred at USC Columbia
- Carnegie Foundation's top tier designation in both research activity and community engagement

GRADUATE PROGRAMS  
**53**  
 NATIONALLY  
 RANKED  
 THE MOST IN SOUTH CAROLINA

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## ONLINE GRADUATE EDUCATION AT USC

- Overall, 6 certificates of graduate study, 32 masters programs and 8 doctoral programs.
- Tremendous growth from ~450 graduate students in online programs in Fall 2013 to 1596 in Fall 2018.
- Programs developed over 50 years using various modalities, disparate technical and training resources
- In last five years, effort to upgrade all online courses to Quality Matter standards.

**46**  
 ONLINE  
 Degree Programs  
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## EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

- **MS in Speech Pathology** – established as a distance education program when the discipline initially required a masters degree for professional certification
- **Master of Education** – online programs designed to leverage each student's current employment for practicum experiences
- **Master of Science in Nursing** (four concentrations available) and **Doctor of Nursing Practice**. Investment in faculty development

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## EDUCATION

- **MEd in Education Administration**
  - Training to become school principals.
  - Supervised by current principal, shadow that work, event planning, professional development
- **MEd in Teaching**
  - Improve own practice within classroom and grade-level teams
  - High flexibility to design program to address practical need at individual or cohort (school) level
- **EdD**
  - Flexibility to address specific needs
  - Continuum of individual project to dissertation



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## EDUCATION

- Designed with 8-week courses
- Multiple admission points and quick turnaround for applications
- 80% of students are South Carolina residents
- Responsive to external constituents
- Goal to elevate practice both for students and for schools/districts where they work



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## MS IN SPEECH PATHOLOGY

- Distance education for 25 years
- Three sequential clinical experiences condensed into summers; increased complexity, decreased supervision across them
- Cumulative minimum of 375 clinical hours
- Variety of settings (e.g., school, private practice, adult medical). Strong communication with supervisors and preceptors.
- Simulated clinical experiences within didactic courses – mostly assessment, some treatment. Clinical experiences can both enhance coursework and address gap areas.



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## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

- Four majors: family nurse practitioner, acute care nurse practitioner, nursing administration, psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner (and new program in nurse informatics)
- Immersive experiences, e.g., simulated standard patients
- Focus on clinical skills, professional roles, professional development



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## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

- Campus leader in universal design.
- College investment in faculty development, internal and external resources to support.
- Clinical Partnership Liaison Coordinator monitors and supports clinical placements, working with preceptors, clinical faculty, program directors.
- Each student must go to multiple locations for different experiences.



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## COMMONALITIES ACROSS PROGRAMS

- Most students are currently working in the discipline.
- Most students come to campus once per semester or year.
- Practicum experiences have well-established structure and expectations.
- Use of technology: didactic instruction, communication, simulation labs, online exam proctoring
- Interactions of campus faculty with students and onsite perceptions/supervisors



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