

**Sentara College Named Top School for Online Education in Healthcare**  
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Sentara College of Health Sciences has been named one of the best schools for online higher education in healthcare by EduMed.org. Sentara College's online programs earned top honors for their overall quality, affordability, and commitment to student success.

Sentara College placed second in Best Online Nursing Programs in Virginia and first in Most Affordable Online Nursing Programs.

"We are thrilled to be named one of today's best schools for online higher education in healthcare," said Dr. Angela Taylor, president of Sentara College. "We pride ourselves on translating 130 years of tradition into modern, cutting-edge education. Our leaders are focused on the future of education and have a proven track record of getting Sentara College out in front and keeping it there," said Taylor.

EduMed.org's rankings come at a time when the demand for trained healthcare professionals is on the rise. According to Mercer, a global consulting leader in healthcare, the U.S. will see millions of vacancies in critical healthcare positions by 2025.

"We're grateful to be part of healthcare education and graduate students who may one day care for us," said Dr. Karen Neary, Bachelor of Science in Nursing program coordinator at Sentara College. "Our students reap the benefits of our passion for education with engaged, experienced faculty, state-of-the-art knowledge transfer, top-notch facilities, and a small, dedicated staff of caring professionals to help them along the way," said Neary.

EduMed.org researched and analyzed more than 7,700 accredited schools using data from the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) and from the schools themselves. The website's data science team then applied a proprietary algorithm to rank all qualifying schools for each healthcare discipline. Primary data points include:

- Academic counseling services

- Career placement services
- Student-to-faculty ratio
- Tuition
- Percent of students receiving school-based financial aid
- Amount of school-based aid per student

To be eligible, a school must hold active regional accreditation and have at least one partially online program in the ranking subject. Just eight percent of U.S. postsecondary institutions earned a ranking position.

#### ABOUT SENTARA COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Sentara College of Health Sciences is an accredited, not-for-profit institution of higher learning that confers master's, bachelor's, and associate degrees in nursing and allied health disciplines, in addition to multiple certificate courses. The 130-year-old college is among the most selective in the region, and boasts consistently excellent outcomes for student retention, placement, and licensure rates. Many of the college's graduates go on to enjoy rewarding careers in the highly respected Sentara Healthcare System. Learn more at [sentara.edu](http://sentara.edu).