



University of Colorado **Anschutz Medical Campus**

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### **U.S. News Ranks CU Nursing Online Program as #4 in the Nation**

AURORA, Colo. (Jan. 17, 2019) – U.S. News announced the 2019 Best Online Programs in the country and the University of Colorado College of Nursing online master’s in nursing ranked as one of the top in the nation at #4. Only one other public university placed higher than CU. For the past three years, CU has ranked in the top 10 of online nursing programs (#4 in 2018 and #9 in 2017). Factors contributing to the rank included graduation rates, academic and career support services offered to students and admissions selectivity.

For the 2019 edition of the Best Online Graduate Nursing Programs rankings, U.S. News ranked schools using five categories – engagement, (30 percent), faculty credentials and training (20 percent), expert opinion (20 percent), student excellence (15 percent), and services and technologies (15 percent). These weights are unchanged from the 2018 edition.

“CU College of Nursing is proud to be among the best online graduate nursing programs in the country,” said Dean Elias Provencio-Vasquez, RN, PhD. “Our ranking is a testament to our great faculty, staff and students. Our College has employed skilled distance educators for nearly two decades, which has been reflected in our rankings throughout the years.”

Distance educator Diane Skiba, PhD, professor and specialty director of health care informatics at CU College of Nursing, said the distinction reflects the institution’s rich history of providing online programs to nursing students, which it has offered since 1998.

“Our dedicated faculty has designed online programs that are learner-centric, and continuously modify their online courses to leverage new technologies and the latest research in the field of online learning,” Skiba said.

Among Colorado academic institutions, CU Anschutz and the University of Colorado Colorado Springs alone earned ranked scores in this category.

### **About the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus**

The University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus is a world-class medical destination at the forefront of life-changing science, medicine, and healthcare. CU Anschutz serves over 4,500 students and offers more than 40 degree programs through six schools and colleges. We are the single largest health professions education provider in Colorado, awarding over 1,400 degrees annually and home to Children’s Hospital Colorado and UCHHealth University of Colorado Hospital. Powered by our award-winning faculty, renowned researchers and a reputation for academic excellence, and with over \$500

million in research awards in 2018, the CU Anschutz Medical Campus drives innovation from the classroom to the laboratory to the delivery of unparalleled patient care.

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