The University of Saint Joseph (USJ) offers a wide range of graduate, undergraduate, and certificate programs that combine a professional and liberal arts education with a focus on service. Coeducational graduate master's and doctoral degree programs are taught on the University’s two campuses in West Hartford and Hartford, Connecticut; at off-campus locations throughout the state; and online.

Undergraduate programs for women and coeducational adult students take place on our beautiful West Hartford campus and include more than 25 majors and seven pre-professional programs, each of which provides personal attention in a caring environment. Founded in 1932 by the Sisters of Mercy, the University of Saint Joseph welcomes students from diverse backgrounds and religious traditions.

DIRECTIONS
USJ is located in West Hartford, Conn., off I-84, exit 43/Park Road. Turn right at the end of the ramp, and take a left at the first light onto Trout Brook Dr. At the fifth light, turn right onto Asylum Ave., then take the first left onto campus.

AS A USJ NURSING STUDENT, YOU WILL:
TRAIN WITH THE BEST
USJ Nursing professors are experts in the field. Our faculty consists of renowned professionals involved in research, clinical practice, and professional scholarship — both nationally and internationally.

EARN PROFESSIONAL RESPECT
Our nationally recognized Nursing programs are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) and approved by the Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing. The department is also a member of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing.

BENEFIT FROM A RENOWNED CURRICULUM AND NURSING LAB
USJ’s rigorous Nursing curriculum prepares students for professional success. Highlights include:
• Faculty-student clinical ratio of 1:8 for personal attention and guidance needed in today’s acute care settings
• State-of-the-art technology in our fully operational simulation center and Nursing Laboratory
• Clinical courses (starting sophomore year) in leading health care agencies, including:
  - Saint Francis Hospital
  - CCMC Medical Center
  - Hartford Hospital
  - Hospital of Central Connecticut
  - Middlesex Hospital
  - Yale-New Haven Hospital
  - Saint Mary Home
  - Jefferson House
  - McLean Care

STEP INTO A MEANINGFUL CAREER
USJ nurses are sought after in the health care profession. Why? Because of the quality of their education and professional preparation; because of the care and competence they demonstrate in the workplace. USJ nurses are employed in virtually every hospital in the state, as well as in clinics, health care organizations, and other settings. They often serve as leaders in the field, taking on management and supervisory positions.

ONE OF THE MANY
Before she even graduated with her Nursing degree, Crystal Mercado '14 was hired into a full-time position as an Emergency Room Nurse at Hartford Hospital — a job resulting from her USJ senior capstone.

These qualities best describe the graduates of the University of Saint Joseph’s Nursing program. By joining the USJ team, you join a 60-year tradition of excellence!
B.S. in Nursing Plan of Study

A major in Nursing requires the completion of all nursing academic requirements, including a passing score on the comprehensive exam and a minimum of 120 credits. This results in the bachelor of science in Nursing degree, which will then make you eligible to take the National Council licensing examination for licensure as a Registered Nurse.

FIRST YEAR

FALL SEMESTER (17 CREDITS)
- BIOL 110 General Biology 4
- CHEM 170 Inorganic/Organic Chemistry 4
- ENGL 104 Art of Effective Writing 3
- PSYC 100 Introduction to Psychology or SOCL 101 Introduction to Sociology 3

SPRING SEMESTER (17 CREDITS)
- BIOL 241 Anatomy & Physiology 4
- CHEM 240 Biochemistry 4
- MATH 110 Statistics 3

SECOND YEAR

FALL SEMESTER (16 CREDITS)
- BIOL 242 Anatomy & Physiology 4
- PSYC 238 Human Development or HDFS 210 Voices of Development 3
- NURS 200 Foundations of Professional Nursing 3

SPRING SEMESTER (14 CREDITS)
- NURS 216 Pathophysiology & Pharmacology I 3
- NURS 219 Health Assessment & Critical Skills 4
- BIOL 301 Microbiology 4

THIRD YEAR

FALL SEMESTER (15 CREDITS)
- NURS 380 Nutrition for Nursing Practicum 3
- NURS 316 Pathophysiology & Pharmacology II 3
- NURS 318 Foundations of Clinical & Theoretical Nursing I 6

SPRING SEMESTER (16 CREDITS)
- NURS 317 Clinical & Theoretical Nursing I 7
- NURS 303 Nursing Research 3
- Liberal Arts/Elective 3

FOURTH YEAR

FALL SEMESTER (15 CREDITS)
- NURS 420 Public Health Nursing 2
- NURS 412 Clinical & Theoretical Nursing III 8
- NURS 424 Issues in Professional Practice 2

SPRING SEMESTER (15 CREDITS)
- NURS 411 Nursing in the Community 4
- NURS 417 Management of Complex Health 8
- Liberal Arts 3

JOIN A SUCCESSFUL TEAM OF NURSING GRADUATES

Prepared with a U.S.J B.S. in Nursing degree, you can join a long line of successful professionals. In addition to graduate school (for master’s degrees, doctoral degrees, and more) our alumnae work as R.N.s in hospitals, schools, private corporations, and other health care organizations. Areas of employment include:

- Pediatric Intensive Care
- Home Care
- Neonatal Intensive Care
- Post-operative Cardiac Care
- Critical Care
- Hospice and Palliative Care
- Psychiatric Facilities
- Emergency Departments

A RIGOROUS ACADEMIC PROGRAM

To complete a Nursing degree at U.S.J, students must adhere to rigorous standards. Formal progression into the major occurs following the fall semester of sophomore year. Students must have:

- Grade of B minus (B) or above in all science and Nursing courses*  
- Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better  
- A cumulative GPA of 2.67 or above in all Nursing courses  

- As of fall 2014: If a student earns less than B minus in any science or Nursing course, she is permitted to repeat one course in each category. Students must repeat the course before they can progress.
- A student may only withdraw once from a Nursing class over the course of the Nursing program.
- A student who does not meet the above requirements to progress in the Nursing major must withdraw from the program.

A RIGOROUS ACADEMIC PROGRAM

*Science courses completed prior to the fall 2014 semester in which a student achieved a grade of C or better do not need to be repeated.

APPLY NOW — SIMPLE APPLICATION PROCESS

Complete a free online application at www.commonapp.org or www.usj.edu/apply

In addition, send in:

- High school transcript
- SAT or ACT scores

Essay, recommendation, and interview are recommended

For questions or guidance, contact a counselor at 860.231.5216 (toll free: 1.866.442.8752) or www.usj.edu/admissions.

Note: This brochure is to be used as a guideline only. Students are responsible for meeting with their advisors to discuss program requirements and individual needs.

The University of Saint Joseph prohibits discrimination against any persons on account of their race, color, religious creed, age, gender, sexual orientation, marital or civil union status, national origin, ancestry, present or past history of mental disorder, mental retardation, learning disability, or physical disability in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and employment practices.