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## *Honor Marks Fourth Recognition for Hunt School of Nursing in 2015*

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. – Gardner-Webb University’s online Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) Administration degree track has been named a top-10 program nationwide by an education information website, the fourth distinguished honor for GWU’s Hunt School of Nursing this year.

TheBestSchools.org, an online source for college and career information, honored Gardner-Webb as No. 10 in its “20 Best Online Master in Nursing Administration Degree Programs,” a resource produced to help current and future students gain the knowledge, skills, and credentials they need to achieve personal and career success. The ranking earned GWU a place among top schools like the University of Pittsburgh (Pittsburgh, Penn.), the University of Texas at Tyler (Tyler, Texas), and New Mexico State University (Las Cruces, N.M.).

“Graduating proficient nurse administrators is paramount in today’s complex healthcare environment,” shared Dr. Sharon Starr, dean of the GWU Hunt School of Nursing. “The Hunt School of Nursing Administration track in the MSN program strives to be innovative and progressive to assure graduates can meet these challenges.”

To determine the rankings, TheBestSchools.org reviewed the quality of the program, types of courses provided, and faculty strength, in addition to school awards, rankings, and reputation in both online and traditional learning environments.

Gardner-Webb’s MSN program received two honors in January. College Choice, an independent online publication, ranked GWU in its top-50 online MSN programs. U.S. News & World Report ranked the University in its top-50 list for online graduate nursing programs. In March, SuperScholar honored Gardner-Webb as No. 19 in its “50 Best Online Master’s in Nursing Programs of 2015.”

“We can’t achieve this level of recognition and high quality without the support of the administration and other departments at the University,” Starr said. “We could not do this without our excellent library, those in financial aid and the registrar. Those in the graduate

school provide consistent and high-level assistance as well. Our current students can testify to the expertise of the faculty and the quality of our resources. I hope potential students will see these rankings and will consider being a part of this success.”

For more information on Gardner-Webb’s nursing programs, visit [gardner-webb.edu/nursing](http://gardner-webb.edu/nursing). For more information on the latest ranking, visit [TheBestSchools.org](http://TheBestSchools.org).

*TheBestSchools.org provides in-depth rankings of degree programs as well as of colleges and universities. By analyzing many different schools and programs, their goal is to help students find the course of study that is right for them. TheBestSchools.org is deliberate in their ranking guidelines, and aims to balance academic excellence, return on investment, and indirect or secondary benefits in evaluating schools or programs.*

*Located in Boiling Springs, N.C., Gardner-Webb University provides exceptional educational opportunities within a Christian environment, preparing students to think critically, to succeed professionally, and to serve faithfully as members of their local and global communities.*