

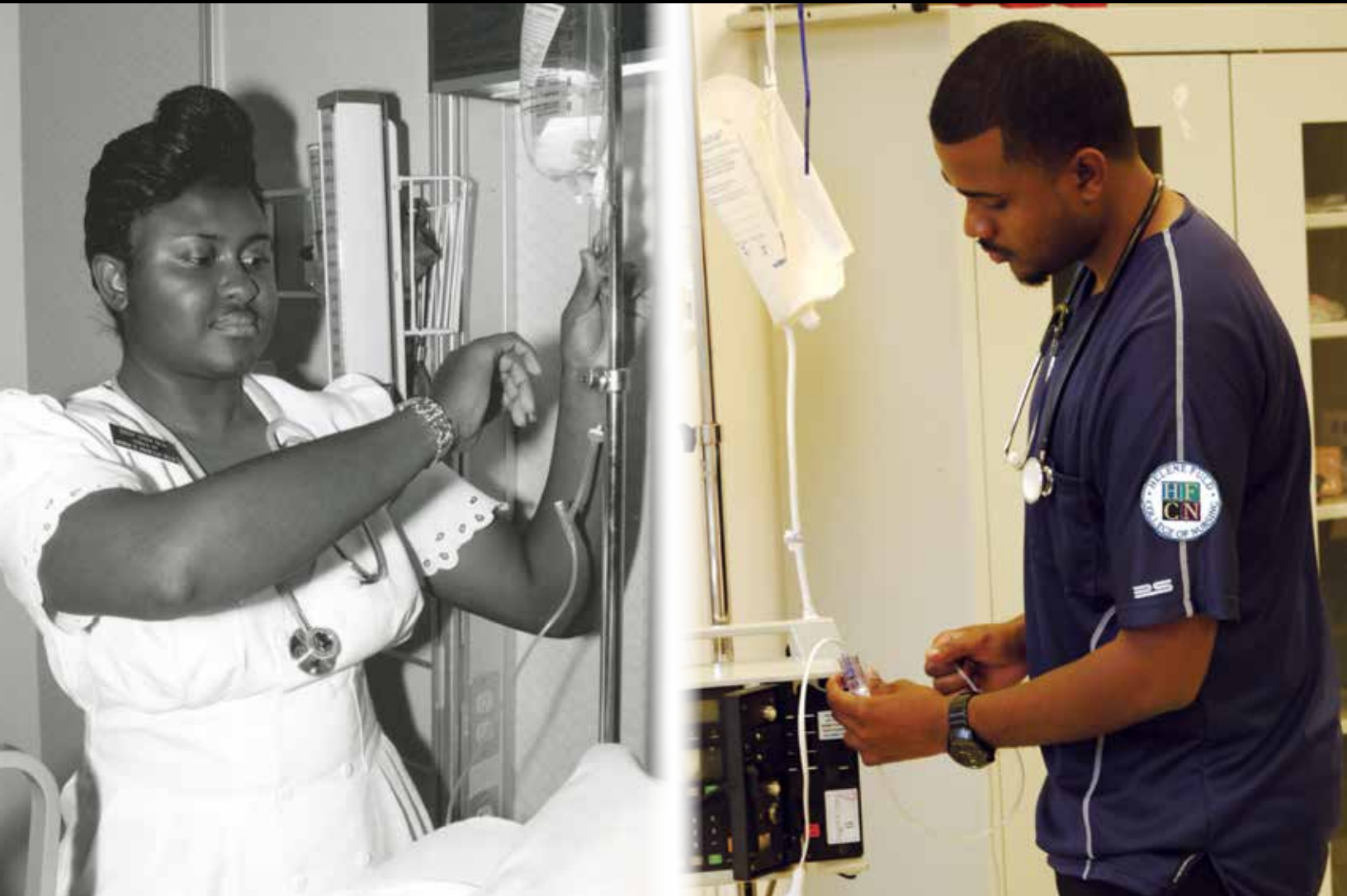


Helene Fuld
College
of Nursing

Celebrating 70 Years

1945-2015

2014 Annual Report



Our Mission

Helene Fuld College of Nursing is an independent, single-purpose institution. Its mission is to provide the opportunity, through a career-ladder approach, for individuals to enhance their education and improve their nursing practice. The College endeavors to produce high quality and technically adaptable nurses who are able to function effectively in a changing society.



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Letter from the President

Dear Friends,

Last year, we continued to build on our foundation of providing a quality education to our students. We were proud to receive continued accreditation from the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) and initial accreditation from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) for the Bachelor of Science program. Our associate degree program continues to be accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing.

Recognizing that we are a small institution in a city that has such a high concentration of elite educational institutions, faculty and staff work hard to distinguish themselves from the many colleges and universities to which applicants can apply. Strong programming has been a major factor that accounts for the College's longevity. We continue to bolster our online services so that busy students can learn around the clock. We have begun to use Smarthinking, an online tutoring service, which allows students to receive tutoring from offsite educators even when the College is closed. Our increases in enrollment and revenue attest to the attractiveness of our programs for nurses seeking to further their education.

While providing a quality education is at the center of our efforts, we have found that it is very important to let people know who we are and what we do. In 2014, we continued to raise the College's profile through print media, television, and our new website. Delivering information online through the College website, Facebook, and other social media also allows alumni, potential applicants, and the community at large to learn about activities at the College.

Developing new partnerships helps to keep Helene Fuld College relevant in a changing healthcare world. New clinical affiliations with organizations such as the Henry J. Carter Specialty Hospital and Nursing Facility and the Ralph Lauren Center for Cancer Prevention allow students to experience the diverse nursing opportunities that await them upon graduation. In addition, affiliations with organizations such as Parker Jewish Institute, the William T. Morris Foundation, Inc., and the Louis and Rachel Rudin Foundation, have allowed many students to receive financial support as they continue their education. We are thankful for the generous donations of time and money that individuals, foundations, and corporations provide to help our students reach their career goals.

I hope that this report gives you a snapshot of the work we have done over the past year at Helene Fuld College of Nursing. Thinking back to the May 2014 commencement ceremony, we celebrated the graduation of our first cohort of Bachelor of Science students. It was an exciting time that reminded us of the diversity and perseverance that characterizes this college community. We look forward to another year with the confidence that through our collective commitment, we are fulfilling the College's mission and vision.

Sincerely,

Wendy Robinson PhD, RN, FNP-BC, CNE
President & CEO



Letter from the Chair

Dear Friends,

In the 1940s, the Hospital for Joint Diseases was facing a nursing shortage, as were hospitals across the country. Roughly twenty-five percent of the nation's nursing workforce had joined the war effort, which took a toll on the nursing services available to the civilian population. To address the shortage, the Hospital started its own internal practical nurse training program. The first class had 16 students, who graduated in 1946 as Licensed Practical Nurses.

That was the first innovation at what would become Helene Fuld College of Nursing, but it would not be the last. Helene Fuld College has ever since been in the vanguard in adapting to the changing profession of nursing. Over the first three decades of its existence, the school grew and prospered. It added a diploma RN program and later was granted a charter by New York State to award the degree of Associate in Applied Science. When the Hospital for Joint Diseases moved to new space downtown, Helene Fuld College remained in Harlem with the new Joint Diseases North General Hospital.

The late 1970s and early 1980s were turbulent times for New York City; hospitals struggled to stay open and Helene Fuld School of Nursing nearly closed its doors. Thanks to our then-president, Dr. Peggy Wines, and my brother Stephen, who was on the Advisory Board, the College survived and thrived. In 1981 it became the first hospital-based associate degree program to be accredited by the National League for Nursing. Then, in 1988, with guidance from Dr. Wines, the College became the first hospital-based nursing program to be accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools.

Our most recent enhancement, the introduction of a Bachelor of Science program, has been a rousing success.

I am very proud to be part of a family whose legacy is supporting the College. My grandfather co-founded the Hospital for Joint Diseases and I have always felt that it was part of my responsibility to ensure that it grows and prospers. For its 70-year history, from being a start-up diploma institution to a fully accredited and chartered private, non-profit College, it has done just that. I am proud, as a board member, to contribute my time to ensure that the College will continue to do what it does best – provide a very high quality education to all who enroll.

Sincerely,

James C. Frauenthal, PhD
Chairman of the Board



Hospital for Joint Diseases in Harlem, 1924-1979



Our History

For 70 years Helene Fuld College of Nursing has been at the forefront of Nursing Education.

We remain dedicated to maintaining the standard of excellence that has always been our hallmark. We were founded as a school to educate Licensed Practical Nurses, then added an RN program twenty years later when the demand for them grew. In 2012, we added a baccalaureate degree program in response to the growing demand for BS educated nurses.



Here are a few highlights of our storied history.

- 1945 The Hospital for Joint Diseases establishes a nursing school and starts a one-year LPN program on October 15th; the first graduation takes place on October 29, 1946 and includes students from the first and second classes
- 1955 After receiving a grant from the Helene Fuld Health Foundation, the Hospital names the school the Helene Fuld School of Nursing
- 1964 Led by Justine Hannan, RN, Director of Nursing Services and Nursing Education, the school starts the first program in the country for licensed practical nurses to become diploma registered nurses
- 1973 Mary Ahl-Heugel, PhD, RN becomes Director of Nursing Education
- 1976 The school receives its permanent charter from New York State with the authority to confer the Associate in Applied Science degree in nursing, becoming one of the first hospital-based schools in New York State to offer the associate degree
- 1978 The practical nursing program terminates after having educated almost 300 practical nurses
- 1979 The Hospital for Joint Diseases relocates downtown and its Harlem branch becomes known as Joint Diseases North General Hospital
- 1980 Margaret Wines, PhD, RN becomes Dean
- 1981 Helene Fuld becomes the first hospital-based associate degree program to be accredited by the National League for Nursing
- 1988 The school becomes the first hospital-based nursing school to become accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education
- 1990 The Hospital is renamed North General; Helene Fuld School of Nursing remains affiliated with it
- 1996 The name Helene Fuld School of Nursing is changed to Helene Fuld College of Nursing, reflecting the College's standing as an institution of higher education
- 2007 The College separates from North General Hospital and is established as an independent not-for-profit College under the authority of the New York State Board of Regents
- 2012 Wendy Robinson, PhD, RN becomes President of the College and the Bachelor of Science program is inaugurated

Yesterday and Today

Sandra Chase, LPN 1962, RN 1966

Sandra Chase was a nurse's aide working at Harlem Hospital when she enrolled in what was then the Helene Fuld School of Nursing's LPN program, from which she graduated in 1962. In 1964, when her alma mater initiated an RN program, she signed up. It was a new program, and promised to be 15 months of intensive learning. The first class had 21 students. All of the learning took place in one classroom, and there were only three nursing instructors and a chemistry teacher. As Ms. Chase recalls, "We had the same three personalities for all of our classes." The program was founded by Justine Hannan, who was both the Director of Nursing at the Hospital and the Director of the School. "It was extremely hard, and it was a new concept, but Ms. Hannan never doubted that you could make LPNs into super nurses in 15 months. Back then, the students lived in a residence on 124th Street, even the ones who were married!"

Sandra graduated with the first RN class in 1966. Of the 21 students who had started, 16 graduated, and all passed their state boards. She went on to get her BS and her MA in nursing, and she has worked at Metropolitan Hospital and Swedish Hospital in Brooklyn; she is now a legal nurse consultant. "I am proud to say I was in the first class of RNs at Helene Fuld. It was an excellent program."



Sandra, far left, receives an award from Justine Hannan, Dean



Sandra receives her diploma and is congratulated by Abraham Rosenberg, Executive Director of the Hospital for Joint Diseases

Wendy Jules, AAS 2015

When Wendy Jules decided to return to school to get her AAS she took a number of factors into account. The most important were reputation and flexibility. So, it is not surprising that her search brought her to Helene Fuld College, one of the few nursing programs that give students the flexibility to continue working while they earn their degrees. While at the College, she found that the school was much more than she expected. "I liked that it is open – open to everyone to attend, you have access to all of the professors, and Dr. Robinson's door is always open." Like Sandra Chase nearly 50 years before her, Wendy found the classes to be challenging, but she knew that these challenges would prepare her to pass her NCLEX-RN and move forward with her nursing career. "It was intense, and it showed me what I was made of - that I could learn concepts better than I thought I could, make deadlines faster than I thought I could, and persevere through setbacks.

Wendy graduated in May 2015 and went on to pass the NCLEX-RN exam on July 15th. "I am considering my career options. Now that I am an RN, I can pick and choose."



Wendy with Heather Johnson, Director, Associate Degree Program

Community Outreach

Since its founding in Harlem 70 years ago, Helene Fuld nurses and students have regularly reached out to our Harlem community by participating in health fairs, doing trainings and serving on community advisory boards. Residents of our community are at risk for heart disease and diabetes, have high rates of asthma, and are generally less healthy than other New Yorkers. As registered and licensed practical nurses, our students and faculty administer hypertension and glucose screenings, conduct CPR trainings, and provide health education.



HFCN would like to thank its clinical partners

Associate Degree Program:

- Bellevue Hospital Center
- Bronx-Lebanon Hospital Center
- Harlem Hospital Center
- Henry J. Carter Specialty Hospital and Nursing Facility
- Jacobi Medical Center
- John T. Mather Memorial Hospital
- Lincoln Medical and Mental Health Center
- Metropolitan Hospital Center
- Montefiore Medical Center
- Mount Sinai Hospital
- Mount Sinai Roosevelt
- Mount Sinai St. Luke's
- Queens Hospital Center
- Terence Cardinal Cooke Health Care Center
- Woodhull Medical and Mental Health Center

Bachelor's Degree Program:

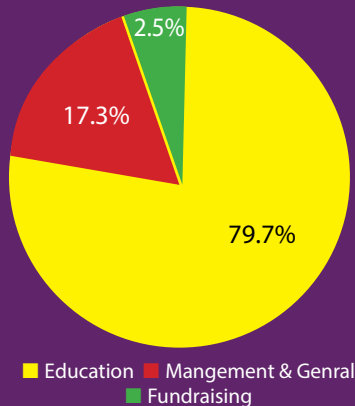
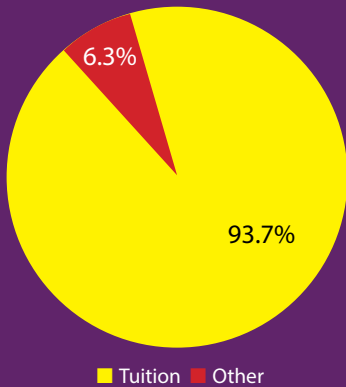
- The Association to Benefit Children
- Central Harlem Senior Citizen's Center
- Community Life Center Head Start
- Hour Children, Inc.
- Institute for Family Health
- Isabella Geriatric Center
- James J. Peters VA Medical Center
- Little Sisters of the Assumption Family Health Service
- Montefiore Medical Center
- Ralph Lauren Center for Cancer Prevention
- Search and Care, Inc.



Financials

Revenue	2014	2013
Tuition	6,606,577	6,327,080
Govt. Grants	44,196	86,949
Private Contributions	216,561	230,888
Investment & Other	187,030	293,907
Total Income	7,054,364	6,938,824

Expenses	2014	2013
Educational	4,766,183	4,740,553
Management & General	1,065,896	1,151,015
Fundraising	150,212	104,175
Total Expenses	5,982,291	5,995,743
Revenue Less Expenses	1,072,073	943,081
Net Assets at Year End	5,729,496	4,657,432



Statistical Highlights

Number of Degrees Granted:

	2014	2013
Bachelor's Degree	22	22
Associates Degree	196	209

Total Enrollment: 443

12% men; 88% women

Full-time – 254 students

Part-time – 189 students

Students range in age from 19-63

The average age is 34

Staff

HFCN employs 14 full-time and over 30 adjunct faculty who teach nursing, liberal arts, and science courses. All faculty members hold a minimum of a master's degree in their area of specialization. All nursing faculty are registered RNs in New York State. The faculty are supported by 20 staff members.

Administrative Leadership

Wendy Robinson, PhD, RN, FNP-BC, CNE
President & CEO

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Vice President for Academic Affairs

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Director, Associate Degree Program

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Full-Time Faculty

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Heather Buccello, RN, Assistant Professor

Chloe Cooper Jones, PhD, Assistant Professor

Emily Murray Edwards, RN-C, ANP, Assistant Professor

Justine Fitzgerald, MA, Associate Professor

Teresa Fordham, RN, Assistant Professor

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Dr. Wendy Robinson and Prof. Heather Johnson



Edward Nelson, AAS



Commencement November 2014



Pinning Ceremony, 1957

Pinning Ceremony, 1967



Honors and Community Service Luncheon



Pinning and Candle Lighting Ceremony November 2014



Susan Taylor (Center), Editor-in-Chief of Essence Magazine, with Board Chair Madlyn Stokely and President Peggy Wines, at an Alumni Reunion, 2000



HFCN faculty, alumni and students with Dr. Oz at his show taping, Sept. 24, 2014

Pay it Forward

**Support Helene Fuld College of Nursing
Providing Opportunity and Education to Nurses**

When you make a gift to Helene Fuld, you know you're making a gift with long-term potential. Your donation supports all of the elements that reinforce HFCN's status as a premiere nursing college—from our faculty and uniquely empowering academic environment, to our amazing students. And you are investing in the future of a talented group of students who will enrich the nursing profession for years to come.

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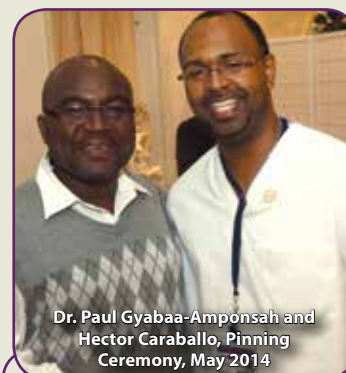
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Hector Caraballo felt a tremendous sense of pride and accomplishment when he graduated with an AAS degree in May 2014. He had worked hard to attend HFCN full-time while also working at his full time job, and he was grateful to the College for the opportunity. So he resolved to give back to the college and pay it forward for students in the future. In 2015, HFCN and Hector established the Isabella Amelise Caraballo Perseverance Award, to be given to a student who works full-time and attends school full-time. The first Caraballo Scholar, Bolanle Adegoke, graduated in May 2015, and started the BS program in September.

Gifts received January 30, 2014 – June 30, 2015

We make every effort to ensure that this list is complete and accurate, and apologize for any omissions or mistakes. If you find an error, please let us know.

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