



The Cheryl Spencer Department of Nursing

Supporting Scholarships for Nursing Students

Give the gift of scholarships

Israel is facing a severe nursing shortage. A recent Israel Ministry of Health report reveals that while OECD countries average 9.7 nurses per 1,000 people, Israel lags behind with just 5.1—and in the North, the number drops even further to 3.5. This shortage is especially concerning given the region's recent hostilities, which place an even greater strain on the healthcare system and emphasize the need for nurses with advanced skills and training.

As the #1 ranked nursing education and research program in Israel, the Cheryl Spencer Department of Nursing is at the forefront of addressing this crisis. Since its establishment in 1995, the department has been committed to integrating cutting-edge scientific knowledge into nursing education, supporting innovative research, and strengthening healthcare delivery.



Bridging Education, Research, and Healthcare

Our faculty members serve as academic advisors to regional colleges, collaborate with leading hospitals and healthcare providers, and consult on curriculum development and policy with the Council for Higher Education and other government agencies. With a broad, national perspective, our faculty plays a key role in shaping the future of nursing in Israel, ensuring that nurses are well-equipped to meet the country's growing healthcare demands.



The Changing Role of Nursing

As healthcare demands grow in the coming years, the Cheryl Spencer Department of Nursing is dedicated to raising the bar for nursing in Israel through our BA, MA, and PhD programs.

The nursing department places heavy emphasis on promoting research among nurses. Our main goal is to identify, examine and analyze complex issues involving nurses, nursing science and health care.

All programs integrate English-language international study options, including theoretical courses and clinical experiences, to broaden perspectives.

Community involvement is a cornerstone of our degree programs, ensuring graduates address Israel's diverse health needs, from immigration impacts to security concerns.

Why Scholarships Matter in Nursing Research

Our nursing degree programs primarily serve students from Israel's northern communities. Those enrolled in our graduate programs all work full-time as nurses—some in managerial roles, others at the bedside. Unlike their U.S. counterparts, Israeli graduate students tend to be older, and many are also raising families.

For many potential candidates, financial constraints pose a significant barrier to enrollment. Scholarships are vital—not only to ease this burden but to ensure that students from across the social and geographic spectrum of Israeli society can pursue advanced nursing education. The challenge is even greater because employed graduate students are not eligible for university financial aid.

Undergraduate tuition scholarships

\$12,000 supports a BA degree

\$4,000 / year

Graduate tuition scholarships

\$10,000 supports a 2-year MA degree

\$5,000 / year

PhD Fellowship for living expenses

\$80,000 supports a 4-year doctoral degree

\$20,000 /year
