

**USC COLLEGE OF NURSING
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I. Vision, Mission and Goals

Mission Statement – Create and develop both competent, caring nurses and leaders to advance the practice of nursing through the integration of teaching, research, and service to improve the health and welfare of people we serve

Vision Statement – Provide leadership at the state, regional and national levels using innovative approaches to advance the practice of nursing

The mission and vision of the College of Nursing are in congruence with those of the University – serving the people of South Carolina and supporting the tripartite mission of teaching, research and service. Under the leadership of a new dean, the College of Nursing has recently developed a 3-year strategic plan with clearly identified goals and priorities which should establish the College as the state’s premier nursing program.

2006 – 2009 Strategic Plan

The College of Nursing strategic plan is represented by a one-page map, included on the next page. This map outlines the mission, vision, and the five main goals with strategic initiatives for each. The initiatives are listed under each goal on the map, in descending priority order and are updated in February of each academic year. These are the goals targeted for 2006 – 2009:

- Increase number of successful graduates in all core programs
- Increase research productivity
- Create a thriving practice environment
- Secure required human and financial resources
- Create a technology nexus

Threaded through each of these long-term goals are ***two strategic priorities*** that must be considered and included to maximize goal effectiveness:

- Integrate teaching, research and practice
- Increase statewide leadership through collaboration with key University and community partners