

Immaculata University – History and Mission Continued

In July 1983, three graduate programs were inaugurated, seeking to address the need for graduate education among adult students interested in part-time or full-time study in Psychology, Nutrition Education, and Educational Leadership and Administration. Since then, the graduate programs have expanded, to include a Master of Arts (MA) in Music Therapy in 1990, Cultural and Linguistic Diversity in 1991, Organization Leadership in 1999 (with a healthcare track in 2002). Most recently the Masters of Science in Nursing (MSN), with foci on nursing administration, nursing education and adult psychiatric nursing was approved by the PDE in 2003.



Once again, Immaculata University responded to the needs of masters prepared adults by adding doctoral degree programs (Psy.D.) in Clinical Psychology 1991, in Educational Leadership and Administration (Ed.D) in 1991, and in School Psychology (Psy.D.) in 2000. Currently Immaculata University offers seven masters degrees and three doctoral degrees. The College of Graduate Studies now serves over 1200 graduate students engaged in part time course work.



As a result of its unprecedented growth, Immaculata University needed to reshape itself. First, in July 2000, Immaculata adopted a three-college organizational structure, comprised of the Women's College, the College of LifeLong Learning, and the College of Graduate Studies. Since then, and as a result of intensive self-study, Immaculata University made the decision to expand the Women's College programs to serve men and women. In fall 2005, the new College of Undergraduate Studies (CUS) welcomed full-time, co-educational resident students to campus. These latest changes allow Immaculata to retain its mission, "commitment to lifelong learning and professional excellence for men and women at all stages of post-secondary learning" and to sustain the innovative programs that are responsible for Immaculata's remarkable growth.

Currently there are 36 undergraduate programs at Immaculata, ranging from accounting to theology. As of fall 2006, the university has an undergraduate enrollment of 735 students in the College of Undergraduate Studies, and 2,072 students are enrolled in the College of LifeLong Learning, and over 1200 students in the College of Graduate Studies.



Since its founding, the institution has expanded, developed, and adapted to conditions of the times: yet the purposes and ideals of Immaculata University remain the same as those established and nurtured by the foundering sisters. As an institution of Catholic higher education, Immaculata University believes that the educational task is best pursued in a community of faith and learning enriched by a Christian environment. Aware of the demands of a changing world, the university offers students the means to grow as integral persons, challenging them to recognize and fulfill their roles as responsible persons and ethical leaders in dedicated concern for and service to humanity and our world. To attain the goal of developing the whole person of any faith within a Catholic community, the university encourages the student to see in liberal education an “integrative process...contributing to the formation of a truly educated person who is value-oriented, and committed to truth, service, justice, and peace.”

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