

Simmons College

Simmons College is a private, nonsectarian, four-year college for women, with four large graduate schools, The School for Health Studies, The Graduate School of Library and Information Science, The School of Management, and The School of Social Work, as well as the Graduate Studies Program, offering Masters' degrees in several areas. All graduate programs are coeducational although the MBA program in The School of Management is designed for women.

Simmons College was chartered in 1899 and opened in 1902. It is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges; each professional program is accredited by its own accrediting body. The main academic campus, bounded by The Fenway, Avenue Louis Pasteur, and Palace Road, looks onto a large park, the Museum of Fine Arts, and the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum. The academic campus that houses The School of Management is located on Commonwealth Avenue in Boston's Back Bay.

The Boston area is rich in offerings in higher education. Simmons believes that students want programs with small classes, highly qualified professors, rigorous curricula, and rich library holdings. Because of its location and mission, Simmons is particularly well-positioned to respond to student and industry needs for high quality programs that reflect the latest advances both in academic and clinical arenas.

Statements in the Simmons College catalogs should be taken as the College's current determination of courses, programs, tuition, and fees. Admission to specific courses and programs will be dependent upon qualifications of students and availability of instruction. Simmons College reserves the right to change its courses, programs, tuition, and fees subsequent to the publication of this catalog.

The School for Health Studies

The coeducational Graduate School for Health Studies (GSHS) was established in July, 1989, underscoring Simmons' commitment to the preparation of students for positions of leadership in health care. The School brings together the College's health-related programs in health care administration, nutrition, physical therapy, and primary health care nursing in addition to the post-baccalaureate Dietetic Internship Program in nutrition. In 2001 the School was realigned to include the undergraduate programs in nursing, physical therapy and nutrition. Further information about these undergraduate programs is available at www.simmons.edu. In 2002, as result of this realignment, the Graduate School for Health Studies became The School for Health Studies. The School's goal is to prepare individuals for clinical and administrative leadership positions in a rapidly changing health care environment. Its programs are committed to educating students to be sensitive to human needs in terms of access and quality of health care, and to also understand the organizational, institutional, and policy constraints that dominate the health care system. Because it incorporates both clinical and administrative programs in one organization, the School is uniquely positioned to respond to the critical need for well-prepared health care professionals, to enhance the opportunities for interdisciplinary cooperation, and to expand the resources available to faculty, graduate students, and the health care community.

SHS students benefit from the College's location in Boston. The city is one of the world's largest medical centers, with more than seventy hospitals, dozens of health centers, and hundreds of other health care-related organizations. These countless resources, combined with Boston's equally distinguished high technology and research institutions, provide excellent learning experiences and career opportunities for students in health-related programs. At 300 The Fenway, Simmons is located in the heart of the Longwood Medical Area, neighbor to the Harvard medical, dental, and public health schools and in close proximity to noted medical institutions such as Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Brigham and Women's Hospital, and Children's Hospital.