

Dean, College of Nursing
Montana State University - Bozeman

Montana State University (MSU) seeks an innovative and visionary individual committed excellence in teaching, research, and professional practice to serve as the next [Dean of the College of Nursing](#). The new Dean will elevate the College as a premier provider of nursing education and scholarship.

Established in 1893, MSU is the state's largest university and its biggest research entity. The R1 institution offers a wide range of undergraduate, master's, and doctoral degrees across multiple academic colleges. MSU is recognized for unique offerings like its science and natural history filmmaking program, architecture, and land-grant strengths in agriculture and nursing. The College of Nursing spans multiple campuses including Billings, Bozeman, Great Falls, Kalispell, and Missoula.

Reporting to the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, the Dean oversees programs that provide opportunities for students to develop their scholarly potential and master the knowledge necessary to provide competent nursing care and influence change in complex health care systems. The ideal candidate will possess the professional experience and personal qualities aligned with the strategic priorities of the College. They will demonstrate integrity of the highest order, intellectual curiosity, and self-confidence balanced with authenticity of character and strong work ethic.

The next Dean will bring a commitment to MSU's mission with an ability to embed the mission into the priorities of the College. In addition, the next Dean will be student focused; have excellent interpersonal, communication, administrative, and organizational skills; and articulate a vision that encourages and inspires quality program growth.

Minimum requirements include an earned doctorate from an accredited institution with at least one graduate degree in nursing, a distinguished record of research, academic administrative experience, proven ability to develop external funds, and credentials that merit appointment at the rank of tenured associate or full professor in nursing.

Expressions of interest, nominations, and applications can be directed to the WittKieffer search team via the job posting: <https://wittkieffer.com/positions/a1wun0000028yttmaa>.

For full consideration, application materials are due by December 31, 2026.

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