**Historical Highlights - 1919-2016**

1919 - Mennonite Sanitarium Association incorporated

1922 - First class graduates from Mennonite Sanitarium Training School

1939 - Mennonite Sanitarium Training School was changed to Mennonite Hospital School of Nursing

1944 - Nursing students participate in Cadet Nursing Corps

1946 - Dedication of Troyer Memorial Nurses’ Home - in honor of Emanuel Troyer, President of the Board of Directors since origin of Mennonite Sanitarium Association, who passed away on June 11, 1942

1963 - First male student graduates from Mennonite School of Nursing

1972 - Summer Service Program (currently called Transcultural Experience) was started

1982 - The Chairman of the Mennonite Hospital School of Nursing Board of Directors, William E. Dunn, publicly announced the establishment of Mennonite College of Nursing (MCN)

1985 - Last graduation ceremony for diploma students, and first class to graduate with a degree from Mennonite College of Nursing. Inauguration of The Flame publication (replaced Nursing Notes)

1987 - First independent College of Nursing in the nation to be accredited by the National League for Nursing

1992 - First Candlelighting Ceremony

1993 - 10/75 Celebration - 10 years of offering the baccalaureate program and 75 years of nursing education

1995 - Master of Science in Nursing Program approved by the Illinois Board of Higher Education of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools

1999 - Mennonite College of Nursing became Illinois State University’s sixth academic college on July 1, 1999
  - Dr. Nancy Ridenour appointed Dean

2002 - Received accreditation from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) for its baccalaureate and master’s programs for five years

2003 - First National Institutes of Health (NIH) funded grant was approved for Dr. Caroline Mallory’s HIV project

2004 - Celebrated 85/5 Anniversary - 85 years of nursing education and 5 years at Illinois State University

2005 - Received HRSA grant to implement a Collaborative Doctoral Program with the University of Iowa College of Nursing
  - First Endowed Professorship at Illinois State was installed to Sandra Burke as the BroMenn Endowed Clinical Assistant Professor

2007 - New option in the Undergraduate Program - Accelerated B.S.N. - students began classes in January
  - New master’s sequence in the Graduate Program - Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL)
  - First nursing student to receive Bone Scholarship
  - Dr. Sara L. Campbell appointed Interim Dean
  - Granted re-accreditation of the baccalaureate and master’s degree programs in nursing for the maximum term of 10 years from CCNE
  - New master’s sequence in the Graduate Program - Gerontological Nurse Practitioner (GNP)
  - First cohort of the Accelerated B.S.N. students graduate in December
2008 - New Ph.D. in Nursing Program

2009 - Dr. Janet Wessel Krejcl appointed Dean

- 90/10 Anniversary Celebration - 90 years of nursing education and 10 years at Illinois State University
- Graduates of MCN achieved a 100% pass rate on the NCLEX-RN Exam

2010 - Shelly Malin was appointed as the Advocate BroMenn Endowed Professor

- Strategy and Planning Council developed

2011 - MCN Nursing Simulation Lab opens

- America's Promise grant program started

2012 - $700,000, two-year nurse practitioner grant received from the state of Illinois

- $1.1 million, three-year Nursing Workforce Diversity grant received from Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to help with recruitment and retention of underrepresented groups to the nursing profession. MCN establishes PROUD

2013 - New Online DNP program approved

- The first week-long celebration of nurses: April 23-27
- MCN graduates its first Ph.D. student

2014 - H. Catherine Miller is appointed acting dean of Mennonite College of Nursing on July 1

- Janet Krejci, dean of MCN, is named interim provost and vice president for Academic Affairs at Illinois State University

2015 - Provost Krejci appoints H. Catherine Miller as interim dean

- Illinois State University President Larry Dietz names Janet Krejci vice president for Academic Affairs and provost

- Illinois State University’s online nursing program is ranked one of the Best Online Nursing Programs according to U.S. News & World Report

2016 - Kim Schafer Astroth appointed Interim Assistant Dean for Undergraduate Programs in January

- MCN graduates the first D.N.P. students.
- Wendy Mann Woith appointed Advocate BroMenn Endowed Professor in May

- DNP Program receives accreditation from CCNE in June (effective as of November 9, 2015 – December 2021)

- Judy Neubrander, Ed.D., FNP-BC begins her appointment as Dean in July