Historical Highlights - 1919-2015

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)

1983 - First baccalaureate class enrolled at 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
Historical Highlights - 1919-2015

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 - MCN receives a federal Advanced Education Nursing Traineeship grant of nearly $700,000 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to support the education of nurse practitioners
• Steve Stapleton of the Mennonite College of Nursing at Illinois State University is inducted into the Academy of Emergency Nursing of the Emergency Nurses Association
• MCN Associate Professor Wendy Mann Woith is selected by the American Academy of Nursing to join the newest class of fellows
• 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