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Institutional Effectiveness, Strategic Planning, and Assessment has prepared a PowerPoint presentation providing an overview of [2021 US News and World Report Best Graduate School Rankings](#) PDF

The *U.S. News & World Report's* [America's Best Graduate Schools](#) ranks programs and specialties in law, medicine, and nursing annually, while other programs are typically ranked every four years. In the table below, the year indicates the calendar year the rankings were released. The "2022" rankings were released March 30, 2021.

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
School of Medicine															
Research - Overall	41	43	43	40	38	37	37	34	37	40	40	31	38	34	27
Among Publics	16	18	18	17	15	14	15	13	15	17	16	12	16	14	9
Primary Care - Overall	30	35	42	46	49	71	58	40	52	65	44	21	23	12	16
Among Publics	20	26	29	32	32	40	36	26	35	37	26	17	17	10	14
Most Diverse Medical Schools ^a															86
Most Graduates Practicing in Medically Underserved Areas ^a															95
Most Graduates Practicing in Primary Care Fields ^a															67
Most Graduates Practicing in Rural Areas ^a															122

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
^a new ranking in 2021															
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Carey School of Law															
Day Program - Overall	36	42	43	48	42	39	41	46	47	48	48	49	52	47	50
Among Publics	15	21	20	25	20	18	19	22	25	24	24	26	27	24	26
Evening Program ^a - Overall			6	5	8	9	6	7	5	5	4	5	4	5	8
Among Publics			2	1	2	2	3	3	2	2	1	2	1	2	3
Specialties															
Business / Corporate Law ^b														61	52
Clinical Training	5	8	8	9	6	5	5	11	5	7	7	6	7	6	9
Constitutional Law ^b														44	41
Contracts / Commercial Law ^b														46	56
Criminal Law ^b														57	50
Dispute Resolution	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	18	13	13	13	15
Environmental Law	11	8	6	10	7	11	6	6	15	13	14	17	13	10	16
Health Care Law	2	3	2	2	3	3	4	1	2	4	2	6	6	7	7
Intellectual Property Law	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	69	79	97
International Law	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	71	69	68
Legal Writing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	68	63	114

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Tax Law	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	71	63	73
Trial Advocacy	-	-	-	-	8	8	-	-	13	16	-	-	43	31	30

^a new ranking in 2009

^b new ranking in 2020

	2003	2007	2011	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
School of Nursing										
Doctor of Nursing Practice ^a					5	10	8	6	16	33
Master of Science				10	7	11	6	8	10	37
Nursing Anesthesia ^b				-	32	17	7	10	10	10
Nursing Midwifery ^c				-	21	29	-	-	-	-
Specialties										
Clinical Nurse Leader ^{d,i}					1	1	1	2	2	
Nursing Informatics ^{d,i}					1	1	1	1	1	
Nursing Administration ^{e,i}				7	6	3	5	5	3	5
Nurse Practitioner										
Family ⁱ				12	5	9	5	8	7	9
Adult ^{f,g}				5	6	8				
Gerontological / Geriatric ^{f,g}				13	-	8				
Adult / Gerontology, Acute Care ^{d,i}							8	8	6	3
Adult / Gerontology, Primary Care ^{d,i}							4	8	9	10
Pediatric, Primary Care ^{h,i}				-	-	15	14	-	11	10
Psychiatric / Mental Health, Across the Lifespan ^{d,i}							8	11	9	6
Clinical Nurse Specialist										
Adult / Medical Surgical ^g				8	-	-				
Community / Public Health ^g				8	-	-				
Psychiatric / Mental Health ^g				13	-	7				

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Doctor of Nursing Practice															
Administration / Management ⁱ														7	-
Leadership ⁱ														-	-
Nurse Practitioner: Adult / Gerontology, Acute Care ⁱ														8	-
Nurse Practitioner: Adult / Gerontology, Primary Care ⁱ														-	6
Nurse Practitioner: Family ⁱ														4	8
Master's															
Clinical Nurse Leader ⁱ														2	-
Nurse Practitioner: Adult / Gerontology, Acute Care ⁱ														-	-
Nurse Practitioner: Adult / Gerontology, Primary Care ⁱ														-	-
Nurse Practitioner: Family ⁱ														-	-
Nurse Practitioner: Pediatric, Primary Care ⁱ														-	-
Nurse Practitioner: Psychiatric / Mental Health, Across the Lifespan ⁱ														-	-
Nursing Administration ⁱ														11	-
^a new ranking for 2016															
^b Nursing Anesthesia ranking last updated for 2016															
^c University of Maryland School of Nursing program discontinued in 2008															
^d new ranking for 2015															
^e specialty named Nursing Service Administration before 2015															
^f ranking applies to a combined program at University of Maryland School of Nursing															
^g ranking discontinued after 2011															
^h specialty named Pediatric before 2015															
ⁱ ranking discontinued after 2019															
^j new ranking for 2020															
	1997	2005	2008	2012	2016	2020									

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
School of Pharmacy															
Overall	7	8	9	17	9	14									
School of Social Work															
	2000	2004	2008	2012	2016	2018	2019								
Overall	25	19	18	16	17	17	17								
Physical Therapy Program															
	2000	2004	2008	2012	2016	2020									
Overall	-	16	15	19	28	42									
Public Health Program ^a															
	2019	2021													
Overall:	62	60													
^a Ranking expanded in 2019 to include both schools and programs															
Graduate Program In The Sciences															
	2002	2010	2014	2018											
Biological Sciences	113	100	93	90											
Chemistry	-	107	106	-											

Note: Dates refer to year rankings were released. A dash (-) means UMB program was unranked for that year.

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