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## **RE: US NEWS & World Report 2020 Best Graduate Schools Rankings**

The 2020 Best Graduate Schools edition was released to the public on March 12<sup>th</sup>. It features information and rankings in business, education, engineering, law, medicine, health sciences, public affairs, nursing and other areas. Not all programs are ranked every year, although the US News Best Graduate Schools publication and the website content present the most recent rankings for every program, whether they were ranked in 2020 or not. As a result, some of the published rankings are from last year or several years ago. The comparisons of 2020 rankings to past rankings below use the most recent previous rankings.

Below are some highlights from UIC's 2020 rankings. In addition, enclosed (**attached**) is a historical table of all UIC rankings from US News Best Graduate Schools rankings.

- The College of Nursing DNP program improved from 12<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> and the MS program improved from 18<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>.
  - College of Nursing specialty programs ranked in the top 20 include (in order of 2020 ranking):
    - Nurse Practitioner: Gerontology, Acute Care improved from 13<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>
    - Nurse Practitioner: Psychiatric improved from 12<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>
    - Nurse Practitioner: Family improved from 12<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>
    - Nursing Administration declined from 4<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>.

- The College of Engineering declined from 65<sup>th</sup> to 69<sup>th</sup>
  - College of Engineering specialty programs ranked as follows (in order of 2020 ranking):
    - Biomed Engineering remained the same at 45<sup>th</sup>
    - Mechanical Engineering improved from 59<sup>th</sup> to 58<sup>th</sup>
    - Industrial Engineering declined from 54<sup>th</sup> to 60<sup>th</sup>
    - Computer Engineering declined from 55<sup>th</sup> to 61<sup>st</sup>
    - Electrical Engineering improved from 69<sup>th</sup> to 62<sup>nd</sup>
    - Chemical Engineering declined from 61<sup>st</sup> to 64<sup>th</sup>
    - Materials Engineering declined from 64<sup>th</sup> to 66<sup>th</sup>
    - Civil Engineering declined from 67<sup>th</sup> to 72<sup>nd</sup>
  
- The College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs (ranking is of Public Affairs schools and programs) declined slightly from 34<sup>th</sup> to 35<sup>th</sup>
  - College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs specialty programs ranked as follows (in order of 2020 ranking):
    - Public Affairs, Urban Policy is ranked in the top ten again and improved from 6<sup>th</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>
    - Public Affairs, Public Finance and Budgeting improved from 17<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>
    - Public Affairs, Local Government Management declined from 14<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>
    - Public Affairs, Nonprofit Management is ranked 21<sup>st</sup>
    - Public Affairs, Public Management & Leadership is ranked 35<sup>th</sup>.
  
- US News ranks colleges of medicine separately in research and in primary care. The College of Medicine improved from 67<sup>th</sup> to 48<sup>th</sup> in the primary care rankings and from 52<sup>nd</sup> to 50<sup>th</sup> in the research rankings.
  
- The part-time MBA program in the UIC Business Liataud Graduate School declined from 47<sup>th</sup> to 65<sup>th</sup>. The full-time MBA program is not ranked.
  
- The College of Education, overall, improved from 54<sup>th</sup> to 53<sup>rd</sup>.
  - College of Education program in Education Administration and Supervision declined from 14<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  
- The MSW program in the Jane Addams College of Social Work declined slightly from 24<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>. The ranking is based on a peer assessment survey of academic quality.
  
- The School of Public Health is ranked 19<sup>th</sup> among 177 accredited schools and programs of public health.
  - The School of Public Health's Master of Healthcare Administration program is ranked 33<sup>rd</sup>.

Other rankings are found in the attached table of historical rankings. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or requests for additional information. Thank you.

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