

Texas Tidbits: Wayland nursing program most affordable

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Wayland nursing program recognized for affordability. The SR Education Group, based in Kirkland, Wash., ranked [Wayland Baptist University](#) No. 1 in affordability for its bachelor of nursing program. Wayland also ranked No. 12 among education programs for its master of education degree. The bachelor of science in nursing degree is one of three undergraduate programs Wayland offers online, along with a bachelor of applied science and a bachelor of Christian ministry. Wayland has about 2,800 students enrolled in online programs. Online tuition for undergraduate programs is \$338 per hour, and graduate tuition is \$395 per hour.

DBU receives \$1 million gift. Harold and Annette Simmons of Dallas gave \$1 million to [Dallas Baptist University](#) for construction of Jim and Sally Nation Hall, which will house the Gary Cook School of Leadership. The 20,000-square-foot multi-purpose facility in the center of campus will provide space for classrooms, meeting rooms, student reading areas and specialty academic libraries, as well as faculty and staff offices. Simmons, a billionaire banker, businessman and philanthropist, died Dec. 28 at age 82. He was a member of Park Cities Baptist Church in Dallas.

DBU online course draws global audience. Dallas Baptist University's [first massive open online course](#)—"The Book of Matthew: 30 Life-Changing Principles," taught by Jim Denison, founder and president of the Denison Forum on Truth and Culture—attracted 1,966 students from 65 countries and 47 states. Twenty-two percent of those enrolled—438 students—successfully completed the noncredit course, nearly double the national average of completion for massive open online courses. DBU will

offer the same course in the spring semester, and a for-credit option will be offered.