



University of Missouri Extension

Lewis County

2023 Annual Report

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Dear county commissioners and friends of MU Extension and Engagement,

Thank you for your important partnership with the University of Missouri Extension this past year.

I want to highlight three areas that address needs you helped us identify.

You may recall that the FY 23 state budget provided a one-time \$5 million infusion to MU Extension for growth. Of that, we allocated about \$3 million for field faculty in the areas of agriculture, 4-H, health/human development and business and community development.

Through a dedicated hiring effort, and thanks to that allocation, we have hired 168 new employees since November 2022. That includes 72 academic/faculty members, most of whom are field specialists in a priority area noted above, and 96 staff members (e.g., office administrators, youth and food and nutrition associates, etc.).

We also returned more faculty to local program delivery that best serves your county's needs, while preserving the partnership and relationship building work you value. Our extension and engagement specialists focus full-time on that work as they serve their assigned multi-county groups. Currently, 19 have been hired, with two more in the pipeline.

Finally, we are prioritizing our work with county extension councils. In the new role of partnership and council development director, Lorin Fahrmeier focuses on strengthening council representation and governance. This role will build stronger links with regional, educational and campus leadership to better identify and address local priorities.

At the UM System level, our engagement work across four universities and with leaders across the state makes a difference in areas of greatest need: broadband, workforce development, health access, food security and healthy futures for our youth.

Your county annual report shows what we are accomplishing together as we Serve Missouri and Deliver Mizzou. We look forward to strengthening that partnership with county commissioners and community stakeholders in the coming year.

Sincerely,

Chad Higgins, PhD
Interim Vice Chancellor, MU Extension and Engagement
Chief Engagement Officer, UM System

Lewis County



UM System Statewide Footprint

Economic and Community Development Highlights

- In 2022, Business Development Specialists worked with small businesses and entrepreneurs statewide to create or retain 81,645 jobs.



\$3.1
billion

For every dollar invested from 2019 to 2021, the MU Extension Business Development Program has returned \$133 in economic impact for its clients by increasing sales more than \$1.6 billion. For a total impact of \$3.1 billion, the program has generated more than 37,000 jobs and attracted nearly \$451 million in capital investments and \$1.5 billion in government contracts.

- Between FY17 and FY22, UM System brought Missouri more than \$1.46 billion in federal and private research funds, funded primarily from outside the state, but spent within the state.



In FY23, UM System was issued 33 patents and filed 61 new U.S. patent applications.

- In FY23, the UM System awarded 805 design and construction project contracts throughout Missouri, for a total investment of \$279.2 million in the state.



In FY23, to improve access to medical and health related services, MU Health Care's Missouri Telehealth Network's Show-Me ECHO program provided 18,381 hrs of case-based instruction to 2,938 learners located in 112 of 114 Missouri counties and the city of St. Louis.

Education and Training Provided



41,992 police, fire fighters, and medical professionals attending continuing education (2022)



Agriculture and natural resource programs served 174,692 farmers and related businesses (2022)



311,749 youth and stakeholder educational contacts in 4-H clubs, schools, camps and other programs (2022)

Education Highlights

FY23 Financial Aid Awards

In FY23, 67.3% of the UM System's 80,702 students received financial aid totaling \$973.7 million

MU

UMKC

27,256

\$536.0M

11,859

\$217.3M

students receiving financial aid

financial aid awarded

students receiving financial aid

financial aid awarded

Missouri S&T

UMSL

6,748

\$117.7M

8,489

\$102.8M

students receiving financial aid

financial aid awarded

students receiving financial aid

financial aid awarded



UM System's MOREnet (Missouri Research and Education Network) provides internet connectivity, access, support and training to 58 higher education institutions (230,000 students), 485 K-12 school districts (832,000 students) and 132 public libraries (serving nearly 3 million Missourians) in 2022.

- UM System awarded 50.5% of the 32,098 Bachelor's or higher degrees awarded by Missouri four-year public institutions in 2022-23.
- UM System awarded 36.6% of the 1,935 research doctorates and 26.9% of the 3,593 professional doctorates awarded by Missouri public and not-for-profit private institutions in 2022-23.
- In FY23, UM System's \$37.9 million in National Science Foundation (NSF) grants represented 88.3% of all NSF grants made to Missouri public colleges and universities.
- In 2023, over 10,900 Missourians accessed mobroadband.org, part of the UM System Broadband Initiative which helped the statewide build-out of high-speed internet infrastructure. MU Extension also supported residents in making individual challenges to the FCC that resulted in \$810,000 in additional funding for the state of Missouri.

Supporting the University of Missouri is an investment in the future of Missouri.



Lewis County

UM System Footprint in the county in 2023



FY23 county students

32 students

- 26 Undergraduates
- 6 Graduate and professional students
- 25 Full-time students
- 7 Part-time students



County employees and retirees

7 people employed by UM

- 7 Campuses

0 UM retirees and beneficiaries

UM salary and retirement income:

\$367,290

UM state tax revenue: \$11,828

UM federal tax revenue: \$51,845



County alumni

Selected school alumni

- 1 Medicine
- 11 Nursing
- 12 Health Professions
- 1 Dentistry
- 1 Pharmacy
- 2 Veterinary Medicine
- 52 Agriculture
- 22 Engineering
- 5 Law

Alumni teaching K-12

- 11 teachers
- 9.5% of all district teachers
- 1 principal or administrator
- 14.3% of all district principals and administrators



County breakdown

MU

- 25 students
- 143 alumni
- 7 employees

UMKC

- 3 students
- 8 alumni
- 0 employees

Missouri S&T

- 2 students
- 16 alumni
- 0 employees

UMSL

- 2 students
- 8 alumni
- 0 employees



County properties and offices

MU Extension in: Lewis County



County population: 10,031



County services provided

Health care (FY23)

- 268 in-state patients seen at MU Health Care, with \$424,449 of uncompensated care
- MU Health Care's Missouri Telehealth Network recorded 60 visits to 45 patients having ZIP codes associated with the county

Extension (2022)

- 1,187 Total educational contacts from MU Extension to residents of the county, including:
- 436 contacts related to productive farming, better gardening, and managing natural resources
- 751 contacts related to healthy eating and aging, strengthening families, personal finance, or youth development



The university advances Missouri citizens and communities through its mission of teaching, research, public service, and economic development across our four campuses and University of Missouri Extension.

Prepared in December 2023, based on the best available and most recent data. Data Sources include: Missouri Office of Administration • UM IR • MU Institute for Public Policy • Center for Applied Research and Engagement Systems (CARES) • MU • UMKC • Missouri S&T • UMSL • UM System • UM Health Care • MU Extension • US Census Bureau • US Dept. of Health and Human Services • National Science Foundation

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Lewis County Extension Council

2023 Financial Summary

Revenue

County Appropriations \$41,102.00

Expenses

Salaries and Benefits \$32,673.16

Travel \$1,890.00

Postage/Printing \$1,583.02

Telephone \$1,725.97

Office Supplies \$1,702.82

Furniture/Equipment \$250.00

Council Operations \$597.30

Insurance \$679.73

Total Expenses \$41,102.00

Key Outcomes and Numbers

✓MU Extension programs support both virtual and in-person learning formats, meeting a wider audience and allowing flexibility for busier family lifestyles

✓2023 Show-Me-Select Bred Heifer statewide sales added over \$4,159,000 to Missouri's economy

✓Programs such as Annie's Project, Women in Ag and Pearls of Production continue to reach the underserved audience of women involved in the agriculture industry

✓In 2023, MU Health Care's Missouri Telehealth Network recorded 60 visits to 45 patients in Lewis County

MU Extension is a unique funding partnership.

Extension funding is a three-way partnership between federal, state and county governments. Federal and state money, through the University of Missouri system, pays professional staff salaries, training costs, computers and communication equipment. County funds support the local office, secretarial and youth assistant salaries, staff mileage and council expenses.

The Lewis County Extension Council, faculty and staff would like to express our appreciation to the Lewis County Commissioners for their continued support of extension programs.



Local Support

Did you know you can donate directly to Lewis County Extension with a gift to be used immediately or as an endowment contribution for long term efforts? Monies put into the endowment are left forever to earn interest, benefitting the county office program each year. You can also direct your donation to a specific program such as 4-H.

MU Extension provides equal opportunity to all participants in extension programs and activities and for all employees and applicants for employment on the basis of their demonstrated ability and competence without discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, genetic information, disability or protected veteran status.

Agriculture and Environment

Show-Me-Select Replacement Heifer Program



The Show-Me-Select (SMS) program focuses on increasing marketing opportunities for, and adding value to, Missouri-raised heifers with the creation of reliable sources of quality replacement heifers in terms of genetics and management.

MU Extension livestock specialists conduct farm visits, record heifer reproductive data and provide educational information on herd management.

Beef Cattle Improvement Association

The Beef Cattle Improvement Association focuses on marketing top quality bulls through performance tested data management.

MU Extension livestock faculty work with producers to record performance data for all bulls enrolled in the program. Eligible bulls are sold in the annual Northeast Missouri Performance Tested Bull Sale, as well as off the farm.

Missouri Livestock Symposium

The Missouri Livestock Symposium is an annual educational program attracting hundreds of livestock producers from across the Midwest and is considered a source for professional development by area agricultural educators and professionals.

The Symposium features a true multi-disciplinary and cross-agency approach to program planning with a diverse committee consisting of producers, Extension specialists, University researchers and governmental liaisons.

Key Outcomes and Numbers

- ✓ 4 Lewis County producers were enrolled in the 2023 SMS bred heifer program; 1 producer consigned in a sale
- ✓ In 2023, SMS consignors sold a total of 507 heifers in the NEMO spring and fall sales, averaging \$2,576 per head, adding \$1,328,523 to the local economy
- ✓ 3 Lewis County producers were enrolled in the 2023 NEMO Beef Cattle Improvement program
- ✓ In 2023, Performance Tested Bull consignors sold 47 bulls, averaging \$4,211 per head, and adding \$197,917 to the local economy



Agriculture and Environment

MU Certified Crop Strip Trials

MU Extension agronomists conducted crop strip trials in northeast Missouri to study the effects of cover crops on corn and soybean production, the detection of corn greenness with nitrogen blocking through satellite imaging, and fungicide efficacy on tar spot control in corn. Drought conditions in 2023 significantly impacted fungicide-based trial locations.

MU Extension Soil Testing Services

University of Missouri Soil Testing Lab ensures Missouri farmers are efficiently using the plant nutrients which are applied to agricultural fields by providing unbiased, research-based fertilizer and limestone recommendations based on soil fertility analysis. Producers receive soil test recommendations from MU Extension agronomists.

Private Pesticide Applicator Training

Producers of agricultural commodities must have a private pesticide applicator license to purchase or apply restricted-use pesticides on property owned by them or their employer; or rented without compensation other than the trading of services between producers of agricultural commodities. MU Extension agronomist provide in-person and online pesticide certifications.

Horticulture in Lewis County

The Garden Talk newsletter provides timely gardening tips on a variety of horticulture topics and includes upcoming horticulture programs and activities in northeast Missouri.

Lewis County residents receive gardening advice from MU Extension horticulture specialist Jennifer Schutter. Jennifer's assistance helps residents make informed choices about their vegetable and flower gardens, fruit trees, soils, lawns and landscapes.

Key Outcomes and Numbers

- ✓ 62 Lewis County residents consulted with MU Extension agronomist Nick Wesslak on topics related to row crops, forage crops and horticulture
- ✓ 38 Lewis County soil samples were analyzed by the University of Missouri Soil Testing Lab
- ✓ 25 Lewis County agricultural producers were trained and licensed to purchase and apply restricted-use pesticides
- ✓ 11 Lewis County youth were educated on pesticide usage and safety
- ✓ 31 Lewis County residents receive the monthly Garden Talk newsletter



Agriculture and Environment

Missouri AgrAbility



AgrAbility helps farmers with disabilities, and their families, lead productive farm lives. The program links University of Missouri and Lincoln University Extension services with a nonprofit disability organization, providing practical education and on-the-farm assistance, to promote agricultural and rural independence. Services provided by AgrAbility include professional training, information dissemination, technical assistance, on-site farmstead or off-site assessment, and referral to other service providers.

Key Outcomes and Numbers

- ✓ Three Lewis County producer clients were provided with Missouri AgrAbility assistance in the 2023 program year
- ✓ Five Lewis County ag lenders attended regional Agricultural Lenders' seminars held in Brookfield and Mexico, Missouri
- ✓ Two Lewis County firms received FSMA Plan support from MU livestock specialist Brenda Schreck, FMSA Preventive Controls Qualified Individual

Ag Lenders Seminar

In 2023, 83 lenders from 25 Missouri counties and Illinois attended Ag Lenders seminars. Lenders learned about crop and livestock outlook, agriculture policy, rental rates & land values, MU budgets, input costs, USDA Farm Service Agency, and Missouri Agricultural and Small Business Development Authority (MASBDA) programs. Lenders in attendance manage 6,007 farm loans totaling \$115,500,000.

By attending University of Missouri's Agricultural Lenders' seminars, lenders help their clients make better decisions based on risk management tools, budgets and other resources.



Food Safety Modernization Act for Livestock Feed

Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) aims to ensure the United States food supply is safe, by shifting the focus from responding to preventing contamination in livestock feed.

Qualified elevator firms are required to create and maintain a feed safety plan manual that includes an analysis of on-site hazards, or potential hazards, and risk-based preventive controls that minimize or prevent feed safety hazards.



Agriculture and Environment

Women in Ag Workshop

Women from across northeast Missouri participated in a one-day workshop focusing on agriculture practices for farm and home. By offering programs targeting women in agriculture, MU Extension empowers women to make informed decisions about farm and home management.



Workshop sessions were led by MU Extension agronomy and horticulture specialists, USDA-Farm Service Agency staff, Missouri Department of Conservation staff, Missouri Department of Agriculture staff, and local agriculture business professionals.

Participants received information on soil health and testing, timber management and aging trees, fall gardening, and an update from state and federal agricultural agencies. Participants also enjoyed a hands-on activity of melting and pouring their own soaps and observing a candle making demonstration.



Key Outcomes and Numbers

✓96% of participants rated the workshop material as "very" useful or "better"

✓27 women participated in the workshop, 10 were Lewis County residents



Agriculture and Environment

Lewis County Progressive Agriculture Safety Day

Lewis County Farm Safety Day is held annually at the Lewis County fairgrounds and provides Lewis County elementary students a fun-filled day of hands-on learning. Topics this year included: truck and utility vehicle demonstrations, animal handling, sun, grain bin, ATV, electricity, water, fire and firearms safety workshops. Students began the day with a presentation by Air Evac helicopter paramedics and finished the day by observing a Power Take Off machinery demonstration.

MU Extension livestock specialist Brenda Schreck led a workshop on safety around livestock. Students learned that different animals have different comfort zones and how to safely approach (or not), those animals that exhibit comfortable or uncomfortable actions when in the presence of humans. Students learned that safety around animals is not only for farm animals, but also family pets or wildlife in natural habitats.

Lewis County Conservation Day

Lewis County elementary students attended the 2023 Conservation Field Day held at Deer Ridge Conservation Area. Rotating workshops included topics about waterfowl, reptiles, furbearers, aquatic insects, as well as beekeeping. Students were also given a hands-on opportunity at a stream table demonstration, plus learned orienteering with a compass.

MU Extension livestock specialist Brenda Schreck led students and their group leaders in a trivia game with topics related to pollinators and flowers. Participants learned that through the effort of bees, butterflies, moths, bats and birds, many plants produce seeds and fruits because of pollination actions.

Key Outcomes and Numbers

- ✓151 Lewis County students attended the annual Farm Safety Day and learned about a wide variety of safety topics in the home and on the farm
- ✓106 Lewis County students attended the annual Conservation Day and learned about conservation habitat and management for both on and off the farm



Youth and Families



4-H Community Clubs

Three out of every ten Lewis County youth, under the age of 18, participated in an MU Extension 4-H Youth Development program in 2023.

Lewis County serves youth through five organized 4-H community clubs and one SPIN Club, offering long-term educational experiences in which members learn life skills such as decision making, public speaking and working with others. Clubs also involve children and teens in community service, leadership and educational opportunities.



4-H volunteers participate in development opportunities like project leader training and club leader summits. With support from MU Extension youth faculty and staff, volunteers gain knowledge offering a valuable learning experience to youth they work with, while maintaining a safe, supportive environment.

Dedicated volunteers help organize club meetings, fundraisers and events. They also provide learning opportunities for youth with their projects, teaching life skills and instilling qualities of character traits like respect and responsibility in 4-H members.

Key Outcomes and Numbers

2023 Lewis County 4-H Enrollment

- ✓ 353 members in 4-H Community clubs, 4-H Spin clubs and In-School 4-H clubs
- ✓ 71 Lewis County 4-H adult volunteers
- ✓ 590 projects enrolled for the program year
- ✓ 1,485 hours of Community club work
- ✓ Over 5,956 hours of community service projects completed by 4-H members and volunteers
- ✓ Volunteers contributed 7,100 hours to the Lewis County 4-H program, valued at \$225,780
- ✓ 3,532 meals were donated in Lewis County through the 4-H Feeding Missouri Initiative

4-H members demonstrated learning through the following activities:

- ✓ 762 Lewis County Fair entries from 143 4-H and FFA members
- ✓ Over 15 State Fair exhibits from Lewis County
- ✓ 2 State level Recognition forms completed
- ✓ 1 member attended State 4-H Teen Conference
- ✓ 1 member attended State 4-H Congress
- ✓ 10 members participated in the spring 4-H Northeast Region Energizer
- ✓ 3 members participated in the fall 4-H Northeast Region Round Up
- ✓ Over 25 youth participated in the State 4-H Shoot, and 1 member competed in the National 4-H Shooting Sports competition



Youth and Families

4-H School Enrichment-Embryology

The Hatching Chicks in the Classroom program teaches students about the 21-day development of a chick occurring within a fertilized, incubated egg. Students learn how to care for the developing chicks and often gain experience with death and disabilities. Once the chicks hatch, the students care for them, providing feed, water, warmth and a calm environment.

School Enrichment programs allow students to practice life skills including decision making and responsibility, helping them to develop qualities that will shape their growth into adults. Students are provided with the opportunity for a practical experience that connects with the core subjects of communication arts, math, science and health.



Through participation in science-based programs like Embryology, youth are more likely to pursue science-related careers which contribute to our local and global economy. Students become conscious for the need to practice proper hand washing techniques which helps prevent the spread of illness and disease throughout the community. Students also learn compassion, and develop an understanding of how to accept individuals with disabilities and how to compensate for a disability.



Key Outcomes and Numbers

- ✓ 89 students from eight Lewis County classrooms participated in the Hatching Chicks in the Classroom Embryology program
- ✓ Students participated in over 57 hours of learning with the Embryology program



MU Extension Nutrition and Youth Program Associate Kaley Bozarth shares the story of chick development

Youth and Families

4-H Student Nutrition Advisory Council (SNAC)

4-H Student Nutrition Advisory Council (SNAC) clubs are offered in a variety of settings including before school, during school, afterschool, and in other community settings. These programs help youth build knowledge about nutrition and fitness. Youth are encouraged to become an ambassador of Healthy Living in their communities by designing and implementing a leadership project that will improve the education and fitness of others.

The city of Canton received a grant to help fund the Eating from the Garden project led by MU Extension Nutrition Program Associates Kaley Bozarth and Wendy Atterberg. Grant funds helped to rejuvenate the Canton community garden by providing a greenhouse and tools for students to use during gardening sessions. Students participated by weeding and composting plants, spreading mulch and learning basic plant growth and care.



Through nutrition and gardening activities, the Eating in the Garden project encourages students to learn about growing different types of vegetables and making delicious, healthy snacks.



Key Outcomes and Numbers

- ✓ 104 students from Canton Elementary School participated in the Eating from the Garden school enrichment program
- ✓ Over 4,300 youth in Missouri were reached through SNAC leadership projects, with 2,577 youth participating in 91 SNAC clubs
- ✓ 36 Missouri counties were awarded mini grants to help establish SNAC leadership projects, totaling \$18,000 for the year
- ✓ Students learned about gardening and healthy nutrition through hands-on experience

Youth and Families

Family Nutrition Program - SNAP-Ed in the Classroom

During 2023, Missouri's SNAP-Education program reached over 78,000 Missourians through direct classroom education. Each individual participated in an average of 6 hours of education, totaling over 15,000 hours, with an additional 760,135 persons participating through indirect education methods.

SNAP-Ed programs teach the importance of making healthier meals and snack choices, eating breakfast more often and increasing physical activity. Those who practice healthy eating and are physically active are more likely to contribute to a healthy labor force and enjoy a high quality of life throughout their lifespan.

This program effort also reduces healthcare costs over the participant's lifetime, saving taxpayer money in reduced public healthcare benefits and insurance premiums.

In 2023, MU Extension Nutrition Program Associate (NPA) Wendy Atterberg provided the Kids in the Kitchen program to Canton 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students. Wendy's programs have been successful with not only students, but adults as well.

Wendy shares, "While at Canton Elementary, one of the long-time teachers was telling us that she has made several changes in her eating habits over the years after trying some new foods in the classroom with her students. She is always very encouraging toward the kids to try the tastings that I bring in hopes that they can find some new things that they really like also."

SNAP-Ed Outreach in the Community

MU Extension Nutrition Program Associate Beth Thorsden provided outreach assistance to area Culver-Stockton College students. According to Beth, "I had a great time outreaching SNAP benefits to the Culver-Stockton students and faculty. Many college students don't realize they can qualify for SNAP benefits, it was good to see that I could also assist the staff in applying as well."

Key Outcomes and Numbers

- ✓ 581 Lewis County students participated in SNAP-Ed programs
- ✓ SNAP-Ed brought \$10,874,798 in federal funds to Missouri
- ✓ In 2023, over 1.8 million total contacts were made in Missouri through direct and indirect educational efforts
- ✓ 10 Culver-Stockton College participants received SNAP-Ed benefits assistance
- ✓ NPA Beth Thorsden provided SNAP-Ed benefits assistance to eligible, local food pantry recipients



County Engagement

Missouri Century Farms

Century farms and ranches have shaped our nation. In every kitchen, behind every barn door, and in every soiled and calloused hand lie stories of those who feed our world. The Missouri Century Farm program celebrates the lasting contributions farmers and ranchers have made to our country and state heritages.



Homrighausen Farms, LaBelle, MO, received Century Farm recognition at the 2023 annual Lewis County Farm Bureau meeting. The original 80-acre farm near LaBelle was purchased in 1878 by Frank Homrighausen.



Josh Warning and Rhylee Warning, LaGrange, MO, received Century Farm recognition at the 2023 annual Lewis County Farm Bureau meeting. The original 160-acre farm near LaGrange was purchased in 1898 by John Gnuse.

State Fair Farm Family

Each year, the Missouri State Fair sets aside a day to recognize farm families from across Missouri that are active in their communities, involved in agriculture, and/or participate in local outreach and extension programs such as 4-H or FFA. The Justin & Holly Hoffman Family, Lewistown, were nominated as the 2023 Lewis County State Fair Farm Family.



MU Extension in the Community

MU Extension Nutrition and Youth Program Associate Kaley Bozarth provided Extension information and other program efforts to over 220 county residents during the 2023 Lewis County Relay for Life Walk and Lewis County Health Department Halloween Bash.



Continuing Education

MU Extension partners with several of the University's schools and colleges to deliver noncredit continuing education courses, programs and training in a variety of professional trades that contribute to the success of public-sector organizations and private industries throughout Missouri and the nation.

CONTINUING VETERINARY EDUCATION

As part of the College of Veterinary Medicine, the MU Extension Veterinary Medical Education and Continuing Education program provides learning opportunities for practicing veterinarians and the general public. The objective is to increase the professional competence of veterinarians by providing the latest information available in order to improve the quality of veterinary medicine.



FIRE AND RESCUE TRAINING INSTITUTE (MU FRTI)

MU FRTI is charged with providing comprehensive continuing professional education and training to Missouri's fire service and emergency response personnel. Courses prepare firefighters for medical emergencies, hazardous materials response and disaster preparedness and mitigation, as well as fires.



LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING INSTITUTE (LETI)

LETI brings state-of-the-art, certified, professional training to law enforcement officers and continuing professional education to a wide spectrum of other criminal justice and public safety professionals. The institute has for more than 60 years been the state's leader in providing vital training and education services for Missouri's 20,000 in-service personnel and 3,000 police recruits annually.



NURSING OUTREACH AND CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

MU Sinclair School of Nursing's Nursing Outreach offers high-quality, affordable programs available in in-person and online formats for registered nurses in virtually any specialty, practice setting or location.

