

# Geriatric nursing program recognized as nationwide "model of excellence"

The new nursing program at SCSU has received a prestigious national award for excellence in geriatric nursing.

The 2004 Clinical Settings in Geriatric Nursing Award was presented to SCSU by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing in collaboration with the John A. Hartford Foundation Institute for Geriatric Nursing. The honor recognizes "exceptional, substantive, and innovative" baccalaureate curriculum in geriatric nursing education, innovative use of clinical settings, and encouragement and inspiration of students to pursue careers caring for older adults.

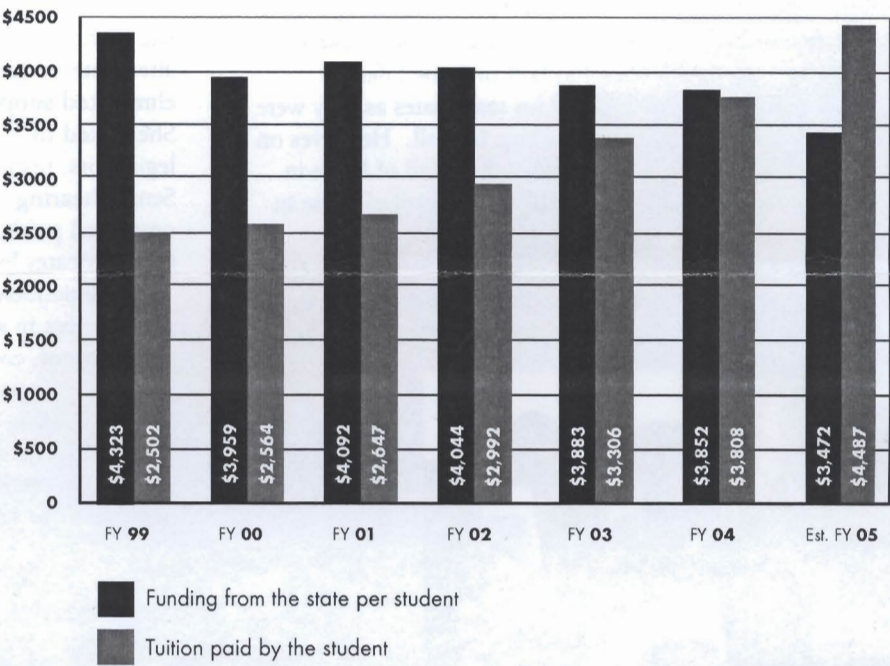


The award also recognizes strong partnerships with clinical and community agencies. The clinical sites for the SCSU program are the Ne-Ia-Shing Health Clinic on the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe reservation, the Central Minnesota Nurse Managed Center, the Veterans Administration facility in St. Cloud, the St. Cloud Hospital orthopedic unit, and homes and assisted living sites for the elderly within the community.

Student learning in the clinics focuses on healthy aging and the nurse's role in promoting and restoring health and harmony, preventing illness, and caring for older adults.

As a result of the honor, the SCSU program will be shared by the Hartford Institute as a "proven model of excellence" with nursing programs nationwide.

## Per student funding by the state



Above: A history of state allocations illustrates why SCSU students are paying more tuition.