

**FRONTIER NURSING UNIVERSITY CELEBRATES 75 YEARS OF ENRICHING LIVES OF BABIES, MOTHERS AND FAMILIES AS PIONEERS FOR HEALTHCARE.**



June 2014: Lexington, KY. – In 1939, Frontier Nursing University nurse-midwives set out on horseback over rough Eastern Kentucky terrain to care for women, attend births, and forever enrich the lives of rural families. Seventy-five years later, Frontier graduates travel by more modern means, from mobile health clinics to floatplanes in Alaska, providing personalized healthcare to babies, moms and families in every state and around the world. These Pioneers for Healthcare are celebrated as Frontier Nursing University marks 75 years as the birthplace of nurse-midwifery and family nursing in America.

Frontier has the longest continually-operating and largest nurse-midwifery program in the nation. “When Mary Breckinridge founded Frontier Nursing University in 1939 in Hyden, KY, she understood what it meant to be passionate about the care given to families and the knowledge imparted upon students,” says Frontier Nursing’s President Dr. Susan Stone. “Marking 75 years as a pioneer in graduate nursing and nurse-midwifery education, Frontier is at the forefront of healthcare innovation and technology. Our anniversary is a celebration of continuing Mary Breckinridge’s mission and vision, while preparing our graduates to continue making an impact on healthcare nationwide and around the globe.”

Frontier is both a nationally and regionally accredited University with more than 1,500 students currently enrolled. By utilizing distance-learning methods, Frontier makes graduate-level education accessible to nurses in all areas. “Frontier prepares nurse-midwives and nurse practitioners to provide care in all parts of the world, with a focus on rural and underserved areas. Frontier is changing the face of healthcare in the United States and is validating midwifery as a viable, healthy option for moms and families,” adds Dr. Stone.

**Specialties Offered:**

- Nurse-Midwifery
- Family Nurse Practitioner
- Women’s Health Care Nurse Practitioner

**Degrees and Options Available:**

- Master of Science in Nursing
- Doctor of Nursing Practice
- ADN Bridge Entry Option
- Post-Master’s Certificate

To celebrate Frontier’s rich tradition, numerous events and launches are planned for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Frontier alumni, students, faculty, staff, preceptors, friends and supporters are invited to attend a full weekend of events. Complete details, as well as registration links and accommodations, are available on [www.PioneersForHealthcare.org](http://www.PioneersForHealthcare.org). A special section of this new site is dedicated to the 75 people being honored as leaders in Frontier’s history and visionaries for the future.

Frontier chose Well World Productions to celebrate and promote the anniversary. With offices in Kentucky and Florida, Well World is the production company for the *Journey into Wellbeing* series currently airing on PBS. The pilot episode shines a spotlight on Frontier, “I hold a special place in my heart for midwifery after learning the story of Mary Breckinridge and sharing it with PBS viewers nationwide,” says Well World’s Founder Debra K. “Mrs. Breckinridge is an Unsung American Hero and deserves her spot with those who dedicated their lives to improving the lives of others. The Well World team believes in the power of her story for celebrating 75 years of Frontier’s success, while moving a generation of Pioneers for Healthcare ahead for another 75.”

**About Frontier Nursing University** - For 75 years, Frontier Nursing University, with its heart in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky, has educated nursing and midwifery leaders who have touched the lives of children and families across the nation and around the globe. Our master’s and doctoral programs educate nurse-midwives and nurse practitioners in the primary care of women and families with an emphasis on rural and underserved populations. By utilizing distance-learning methods, Frontier makes graduate-level education accessible to nurses in all areas, and ultimately fosters accessibility to quality healthcare by graduating advanced-practice providers to work in underserved communities. Learn more: [www.Frontier.edu](http://www.Frontier.edu) and [www.PioneersForHealthcare.org](http://www.PioneersForHealthcare.org).

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