

Kate Sutherland - Regis College  
Partner Testimonial

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>> Earning an online master's degree is critical for people in many fields, especially in nursing and health sciences fields. It really allows them to proceed to the next step of their career. And I really don't think that earning an online degree is any different than earning any other master's degree. Our degrees are not labeled online or on-campus. They simply have a master's degree from Regis. Earning the master's degree is game-changing for them. And being able to do that when they want to do it, at the pace they want to do it, is so critical and that is something that sometimes campus-based programs don't allow.

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Regis College was founded in 1920. It was originally a private Catholic school for women and we've seen a lot of changes since our founding. We developed graduate programs starting about 20 years ago. And in 2016 started our online programs nationwide and that's been a complete game-changer. Within the past four years, Regis has gone from no fully online students to over one-third of our students being fully online, and that's had a really large impact across the university. This is changing us culturally and certainly online teaching is something that's now more common across the university at all degree levels because of this experience we've had. Working with Pearson has been a great experience for Regis. One of the most important elements of our relationship is that they were able to hit the ground running and we were able to launch these programs much more quickly with their assistance than we would have if it were just us. The number of people that you need to hire for all of the instructional design, the marketing, the student support, is a lot. And they really helped us focus on the teaching and learning side, which is what our core competency is.

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