

**Graduates of the Burley-UVA Licensed Practical Nursing Training Program (1952-1967)** were the first African American nurses to be trained at UVA Hospital. In 1951, the UVA Hospital, in response to local nursing shortages, collaborated with Black community leaders and the Jackson P. Burley High School, a local Black high school, to establish a Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) program to train Black women and men. The students completed the training program in 18 months and once an LPN, typically worked under the supervision of registered nurses. The more than 150 graduates of the Burley-UVA program went on to desegregate the UVA Hospital and had a major impact on their patients and communities. Although the LPN graduates always thought of themselves as UVA alumni, UVA denied them alumni status until April 2019, when the UVA president inducted them into the Alumni Association.

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