The History of Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing

1898 The Samaritan Training School for Nurses is established. Miss Eva P. Pennewill is appointed the first matron for the student nurses.

Students were not allowed to be married and had to live on the premises of the hospital. Their day began at 4 am and finished at 7 pm. After dinner, the student nurses also attended lectures given by the attending physicians/surgeons. There was no tuition; rather, the students received room and board and a paid salary for their services in the hospital.

January 1899
Twenty-four student "probationers" begin training.

1901 Thurman Hall is dedicated to be used for the School as a dormitory for students.

1902 The first graduation for the School is held, with 10 graduates receiving a diploma and pin.

1903 The Samaritan Alumnae Association is formed. The School is granted a limited charter by the University of the State of New York.

1906 The first nurses take the registered nurse state board exams.

1924 The School curriculum increases — courses in pathology, psychology, and lectures in X-ray and anesthesia are added.

1961 The School enters into a contract with Hudson Valley Community College for instruction of the basic sciences and liberal arts.

1972 The first male student is admitted to the School.

1989 The School receives approval from the NYS Board of Regents to confer the Associate in Science degree.

1993 The student dormitory closes.

1995 The School launches a new Practical Nurse (PN) Certificate program.

2015 The School relocates to its renovated home on the St. Mary's campus in Troy.

2015 The School receives initial accreditation by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing.