

Nursing Program

The mission of the nursing program is to educate, enrich and empower nursing students to assume the caring roles and responsibilities of a registered nurse.

Student Learning Outcomes:

1.) The nursing graduate will integrate knowledge derived from nursing art and science as well as the natural and behavioral sciences applied in a variety of settings to individuals or aggregate groups across the life span.

The student will:

- demonstrate knowledge of theoretical concepts.
- apply broad based knowledge to clinical settings and simulation.
- explain the evidence used for clinical decision making.
- evaluate the effectiveness of nursing care.
- revise the nursing plan as indicated.

2.) The nursing graduate will use information effectively to support critical thinking and sound clinical judgment.

The student will:

- obtain credible, reliable information
- use technology to access information to support clinical judgment
- apply essential information to clinical decision-making

3.) The nursing graduate will employ evidence based interventions and nationally established health and safety goals to provide quality patient centered care.

The student will:

- provide a safe and effective care environment
- use available evidence to influence choices related to health promotion and maintenance
- educate the patient about strategies related to health promotion and maintenance and access to care

4.) The nursing graduate communicates clearly with diverse populations.

The student will:

- use the teaching/learning process to effectively educate the patient and family
- use therapeutic communication to promote psychosocial integrity
- document concise clinical information in the medical record using legal, professional standards
- demonstrate caring behaviors in interactions with individuals and groups
- incorporate different styles of communication to successfully interact with diverse populations

5.) The nursing graduate will assume the roles of the nurse as provider of care, manager of care and a member of the discipline.

The student will:

- provide holistic nursing care
- collaborate with the health care team to manage care
- evaluate outcomes of care for populations of patients in order to identify opportunities for quality improvement
- demonstrate leadership abilities through appropriate delegation of nursing tasks and activities
- discuss relevant social, political, and economic forces that impact health care delivery

6. The nursing graduate will be able to exemplify the Caritas philosophy in nursing practice.

The student will:

- demonstrate academic and clinical competence
- demonstrate professional accountability through application of ethical/legal standards
- recognize the value of commitment to life-long learning to foster creativity in practice
- move beyond self interest to be caring in relationships with others